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New company to finish IPI project

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REPORTER

A new company would continue the Imperial Pacific Resort project since contractor MCC International is already done with its part in building the multi-million dollar casino.

That's according to Commonwealth Casino Commission executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero, who said he heard from a repre-

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Federal agents arrest 1 more Beilida staff

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Federal agents arrested on Monday night a staff of Beilida Overseas who was one of five indicted for allegedly harboring illegal workers who were busy on Pacific Imperial International CNMI LLC's casino project in Garapan.

Hongwei Ma was taken before the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Wednesday for her initial appearance. Attorneys Curtis Van De Veld and Joe Hill appeared as private

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Deleon Guerrero, Holley named to CUC board

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Weston Thomas A. Deleon Guerrero and Matthew Holley were appointed to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board yesterday, two weeks after Gov. Ralph DLG Torres sacked the previous board.

The appointments of Deleon Guerrero and Holley will require the consent of

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POST-WAR REMNANTS BEA CABRERA

Hikers stumble upon a B-29 Superfortress engine while trekking on Mt. Tapochao. This particular plane was used to drop food supplies into prisoners-of-war camps. On the day of the crash on Aug. 27, 1945, the plane had just come from an airfield in Pampanga, Philippines to pick up cargo parachutes. It was attempting to land on Isley Field on Saipan but bad weather condition and poor visibility made it impossible. There were no survivors among the 10-member crew.

IS-linked militants besiege Philippine city

AP

Troops load ammunition and supplies as a convoy of APCs head to the site three days after Muslim militants lay siege in Marawi City in southern Philippines Thursday, May 25, 2017.

By JIM GOMEZ and TERESA CEROJANO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ILIGAN CITY, Philippines (AP)—Islamic State group-linked militants swept through a southern Philippine city, beheading a police chief, burning buildings, seizing a Catholic

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IRS files another tax lien vs Dynasty owner

Local

The U.S. Department of Treasury-Internal Revenue Service has filed another notice of federal tax lien against the owner of the defunct Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino for allegedly owing $13,128 in taxes for a period ending in November 2013.

In IRS' notice of federal tax lien filed before the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Tuesday, IRS alleged that Hong Kong Entertainment Investments Ltd. has an unpaid balance in its annual withholding tax for U.S. income of foreign persons.

According to IRS revenue officer David Choi, the liability remains unpaid.

Therefore, Choi said, there is a lien in favor of the U.S. "on all property and rights to property belonging to HKE for the amount of this tax, and additional penalties, interest, and costs that may accrue."

Last February, the CNMI Department of Finance-Division of Revenue and Taxation filed a tax lien in federal court against HKE for alleged failure to pay $10,477 in taxes for the 2016 tax period.

Finance said HKE owes employer's quarterly withholding tax return in the amount of $10,264 and $212 for tax period ended on June 6, 2016.

Last January, IRS also filed a notice of tax lien against HKE for allegedly owing employer's quarterly federal tax returns in the total amount of $15,198 for the tax period ending Sept. 30, 2016.

On Wednesday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered HKE and its president, Kwan Man, to pay $191,400 in civil penalty to the U.S. Labor secretary for repeated violations of the overtime provision of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

According to court documents, HKE no longer has any employee working in the CNMI. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

Congratulations to Christina Manabat Flores, who graduated magna cum laude from Maryland University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration last May 14, 2017. Flores, who is also a U.S. Air Force veteran, is married to Darrel Flores of Guam. They have two children. She is the daughter of Efren and Omega Manabat, both longtime employees of Herman's Bakery.

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Castro pleads not guilty of misusing govt vehicle

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Corrections director Gregory Castro pleaded not guilty yesterday to the alleged misuse of a government vehicle.

At his arraignment, Castro appeared *pro se*, without a lawyer. Assistant attorney general Jonathan L. Wilberscheid represented the government.

The Superior Court had found Castro not qualified for a court-appointed counsel.

Castro pleaded not guilty to three traffic charges, which carry a maximum penalty of three days in prison and $1,500 fine.

Castro's first alleged offense is a violation of the law that government vehicles are only to be used for official government business. The other charge was for driving a tinted government vehicle. The last offense is for using a government vehicle without official markings.

A bench trial is set for July 12, 2017.

The Office of the Public Auditor caught Castro allegedly using a DOC vehicle, a 2015 Nissan XTerra, to go to the Marianas Country Club in Marpi in the morning of March 15, 2017, to play golf. He was given a citation and the vehicle was impounded.

In an earlier interview, the 58-year-old Castro denied misusing the vehicle, saying he was doing business at the Marianas Country Club.

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CW-1, labor issues discussed with PH govt team

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Around 30 to 40 Filipino workers gathered yesterday night at the Kanoa Resort to raise labor and immigration concerns with a visiting team from the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs.

The workers, with the help of Philippine honorary consul on Saipan Glicero Arago, met with Consul Edgar Auxillian of the Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, which has jurisdiction over the CNMI, a representative of its Assistance to Nationals Section, and a representative of the Manila-based Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs.

The workers, many of whom have established families on Saipan and have lived most of their years here, raised concerns about the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program issue. According to them, it has been a struggle for workers who have to leave their jobs and the life they have already built on Saipan because they've been capped out of the CW-1 program. Many asked how the Philippine government is handling the situation of these migrant workers.

One of the workers, Carlito Marquez, who has been capped out, said that the process of returning back to Saipan is almost the same process as when on first enters here.

Marquez and his fellow workers hope that Auxillian, with the help of the OUMWA and ATN, will be able to address this.

Other issues arose like the issues of migrant workers who are hired by agencies under job contracts and arrive without jobs waiting for them.

According to Nenette Delos Santos, this is unfair to the hired workers because upon arriving on Saipan, they have nothing to fall back on while these agencies gain from overcharging these unfortunate workers.

Other issues were discussed like issues of migrant workers neglecting to support their families back in the Philippines because they have already established another family on Saipan and issues of unpaid wages.

Auxillian was pleased with the participation of the overseas workers who were present last night. According to him, the activeness of the crowd in raising their concerns gives him first-hand information with what should be done in order to help overseas workers.

According to Auxillian, he hopes that with the help of the OUMWA and the ATN, the Philippine government will address these issues. Right now Auxillian is assessing the current situation and profiling the current issues of the Pacific.

Auxillian said he will be heading to Palau in order to assess the issue of human trafficking that has currently been brought to the consul's attention.

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priest and his worshippers and raising the black flag of IS, authorities said Wednesday. President Rodrigo Duterte, who had declared martial law across the southern third of the nation, warned he may expand it nationwide.

At least 21 people have died in the fighting, officials said.

■■■

Army tanks packed with soldiers rolled into Marawi Thursday to try to restore control. There was no immediate word on Isnilon Hapilon's whereabouts, but there was no indication he had been captured.

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As details of the attack in Marawi city emerged, fears mounted that the largest Roman Catholic nation in Asia could be falling into a growing list of countries grappling with the spread of influence from the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq.

The violence erupted Tuesday after the army raided the hideout of Isnilon Hapilon, a commander of the Abu Sayyaf militant group who has pledged allegiance to IS. He is on Washington's list of most-wanted terrorists with a $5 million reward for information leading to his capture.

The militants called for reinforcements and around 100 gunmen entered Marawi, a mostly Muslim city of 200,000 people on the southern island of Mindanao, Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said.

"We are in a state of emergency," Duterte said Wednesday after he cut short a trip to Moscow and flew back to Manila. "I have a serious problem in Mindanao and the ISIS footprints are everywhere."

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sentative of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC that another company would take over the next phase of the project.

"Again, this is all what I'm hearing. I was informed that it would be a different company," he said. "I've heard from an IPI representative that MCC may discontinue [since] most of MCC's responsibility is done and the next sequence could be handled quickly by another company. The major focus, most of it, would be basically the interior."

The commission would coordinate its monitoring efforts with other local and federal law enforcement agencies in order to make sure cases of "tourist workers" would cease.

Deleon Guerrero said the commission has always been strict in implementing local and federal laws as well as in regulating casino gaming. "But we don't control the airport. We don't control who comes in. …When we licensed you, we let you sign documents that you would comply with federal and local laws and regulations. Whether you do it or not, you have to understand that if you don't follow, you will face consequences."

He pointed out that the visa program involving workers who enter the CNMI as tourists is mainly a federal issue. "The CNMI does not run the border; the federal government does. The CNMI highly treasures the visa-free parole program. …We do not appreciate anyone who violates or destroys that special privilege. It is the responsibility of everyone not to abuse the system. The CNMI needs the system that is in place."

CMC Macau issue

Deleon Guerrero said they would also investigate the new contractor that surfaced and allegedly committed labor violations after several workers also staged protests. "We're checking on that. We're looking at some questions whether or not they were involved in some of those labor issues."

"When they came here, they did not come as employees, they came as representatives of a company from whom [IPI] bought the tables. When we issued the license, whether non-gaming or gaming, we requested that you notify the commission who your representatives are."

CMC Macau reportedly sent several representatives to oversee the installation of tables to make sure it was done properly and built according to specifications.

Continuing protest

The remaining Chinese laborers that were employed by various contractors that were hired to build the Imperial Pacific Resort continued with their protest yesterday, again demanding they be compensated for the hours of work they have done.

Those who staged a protest worked for MCC International, Beilida Overseas (CNMI) Ltd., Gold Mantis, and CMC Macau, the latest contractor that allegedly did not pay its workers.

CMC Macau is involved in supplying and installation of gaming materials in casinos. They installed and set up the wood base of all baccarat tables.

The workers, in a statement, said they were tricked into coming to Saipan. They said they were made to pay huge amounts of recruitment fees. "While we worked for several different contractors, we all worked 12 or more hours per day, for which, our contractors only promised to pay us $65 (447 yuan)."

"These companies all failed to pay us in accordance with U.S. minimum wage and overtime rules, and some did not pay us at all. These companies also did not take injured workers to get medical attention."

They are requesting the casino and its contractors to pay their wages or additional compensation as required by U.S. minimum wage and overtime laws, pay back their recruitment fees, compensate all injured workers, provide food and shelter while they are on Saipan, and pay their two months worth of wages since their being laid off.

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counsels for Ma.

Ma pleaded not guilty to two counts of harboring illegal aliens. She also entered a denial to the forfeiture allegation.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona set the jury trial for June 27, 2017.

Manglona said that Ma may be released for now upon posting a $1,000 unsecured bond plus other conditions.

Assistant U.S. attorney James Benedetto, counsel for the U.S, government, did not oppose.

Manglona advised Benedetto to inform the defense counsel and the clerk's office as to the date and time the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Los Angeles was notified about Ma's arrest.

Ma's co-defendants are Beilida Overseas president Hui Lu and Beilida's Wencao Guo and Xiufang Qi.

A separate indictment charged MCC International project manager Yuqing Zhao with harboring illegal aliens.

Of the five indicted, only Lu has yet to be arrested.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Ma, 25, claimed she was an employee of Marianas Enterprises Limited, but worked in the Beilida office. Ma allegedly told the FBI that she was responsible for approving all of Lu's purchases for Beilida.

The indictment alleges that on March 8 through 22, 2017, Ma, Lu, and Guo harbored an illegal alien, Yuanhou Hu, by shielding him from detection and which resulted in Hu's death.

Hu, a Chinese national, died after falling from a scaffold at the construction site of the Imperial Pacific casino and resort project last March 22.

The FBI found out that Hu entered the CNMI as a visa parolee/tourist and was not authorized to work in the CNMI.

On Feb. 7 thorough March 22, 2017, Ma, Lu, Guo, and Qi allegedly harbored six illegal aliens.

A separate indictment alleges that beginning on Aug. 1, 2016, and continuing until March 31, 2017, Zhao harbored 15 illegal aliens.

MCC International is the construction contractor for Imperial Pacific. Beilida is one of the subcontractors of the project.

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the Senate.

The Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations, chaired by Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian), is expected to soon schedule a confirmation hearing.

Torres needs four more appointees to have a fully functioning board.

Both Deleon Guerrero and Holley were among the names on the administration's shortlist to replace the former board members after the governor asked for their resignation on May 12.

Deleon Guerrero earned his bachelor's degree in Structural Engineering from the University of California, San Diego in 2013 and currently works at Hofschneider Engineering Corp. as a structural engineer.

The 29-year-old Mt. Carmel High School alumnus already has experience in risk management and analysis, project management and coordination, engineering and construction industry awareness, infrastructure awareness, and researching federal and local laws, regulations, and codes.

He previously worked as an acting building safety official and structural engineering staff at the CNMI Department of Public Works, and a steel bridge project manager at the Society of Civil & Structural Engineers for more than a year in San Diego.

Holley earned his *juris doctor* at New York Law School in 2002 where he graduated cum laude at the top 14 percent of the class. He has a bachelor's in Latin American Studies at the University of Arizona and is admitted in both the New York and CNMI bar associations.

He is currently a litigation attorney at Torres Brothers LLC and previously worked as an in-house counsel at the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc., and was an adjunct professor for three years at the Northern Marianas College. He started at the Office of the Public Defender as an assistant public defender.

Holley also worked at the Office of the District Attorney in Bronx, New York as assistant DA for the Investigations Division and established a private practice before arriving on Saipan.

Willing to serve

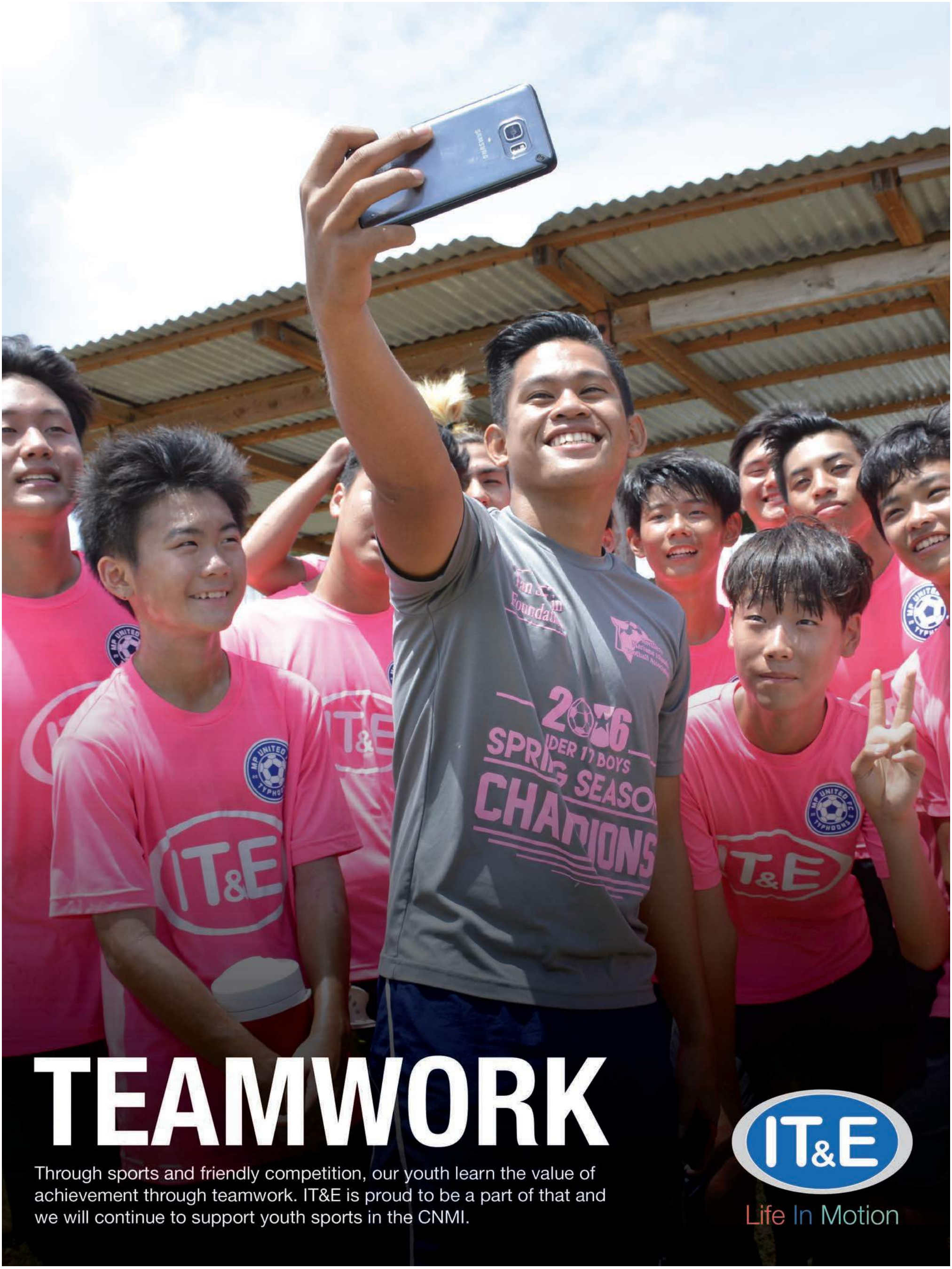
In accepting Torres' nomination, Deleon Guerrero said it is an honor to be considered to serve in one of the CNMI's critical agencies. "Although CUC is in a state of critical infrastructure condition, it is [its] responsibility to provide the CNMI community with reliable, sustainable, and affordable utility services."

"I truly believe this can only be accomplished by a diverse team of innovative leaders with a long-term vision. The opportunity to serve on the board will enable me to develop my capacity to re-imagine different perspectives and help find solutions. One vision I hold is tapping into our own natural resources."

Deleon Guerrero said a plan could be developed to harness renewable energy sources—wind, ocean current, and sun—which could lessen the CNMI's dependency on generators powered by diesel fuel as well as providing reliable, sustainable, and affordable utility services to the CNMI community.

"Although this may just be a vision and may not solve the CNMI's urgent needs, it is but one way we could achieve a long-term vision for CUC," said Deleon Guerrero.

"This is my vision for the CNMI community and although I am by no means an expert in the fields of power generation, sewage treatment and water production, I believe I possess the technical and management attributes to re-imagine different ways to address our current utility and infrastructure challenges as well as keep the best interest of the CNMI in mind—both of which are necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities as a member of the CUC board of directors."



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Martha's Store marks 45 years

Martha's Store in Garapan, a mother's legacy to her children and to the island. BEA CABRERA

By BEA CABRERA
REPORTER

A 45th anniversary is nothing to sneeze at. In fact, such a milestone is worthy of a grand celebration, complete with celebrity baggers, party balloons, and swag bags.

For Martha's Store in Garapan, it is about soldiering on. The store, which pioneered the concept of 24-hour operation, is celebrating its 45th year this year. The store opened in 1972 when there were not a lot of stores on Saipan. Since then, it has been a mute witness to the changing surroundings and economic landscape of the islands.

"Martha's Store was named after my mother. The business started as a bar. But the bar business was hard on my parents' marriage so my mother decided to close the bar and open a store. It was originally located on Beach Road but we moved to its current location in 1986, in Garapan," recounts Wyman Rechucher, the third child of Martha and currently the store's manager.

Wyman's parents, Sebio and Martha Rechucher, came to Saipan from Palau during the Trust Territory period in the '60s. When the period ended, many left Saipan but Wyman's parents remained and they put up a business.

"When my parents put up the store, things were tough in the '70s. Alcohol was quite new on island and one can say that it like the 'Western cowboy times' then. Things were pretty rowdy and the island was still dealing with post-war remnants. That period was the poorest times on island but my parents ventured on."

"During the '80s and the '90s, we saw the economy boom. Martha's saw and felt this. People had jobs because of the Japanese boom and garment industry and so they had buying power. We were busy and working hard to keep items on shelves. [Since then], the island went up and down economically. Martha's kept afloat. We saw things at their very worst, and the same things when they became better," Wyman said.

BEA CABRERA
Angie Santos has been a cashier at Martha's Store since 1988. "I love working behind the counter, meeting different people, talking to them. Our customers becomes our friends and that is important to us."

BEA CABRERA
A sketch of the first Martha's Store that was established in 1972 on Beach Road.

Now on its 45th year and in competition with many stores, what has kept Martha's Store going?

"We just don't give up. There is no secret. Just don't give up. Nowadays, many stores have sold out or leased out to foreign investors. There are times that the temptation is strong but I am not ready to give up. I will leave that decision to the next generation," Wyman said.

Martha's Store's long marathon is strengthened by its relationship with its regular customers.

"We are the first store on island to open 24/7. We used to get customers from all parts of the island. Now, there is a store in every part of the island. You don't need to go far for your shopping needs. But our long-time customers are the store's friends. Regular customers that live in different parts of Saipan would pass several stores to get to Martha's. We know them by name and that makes Martha's unique," Wyman said.

The business has kept the family together. The Rechucher children practically grew up in the store and they all have fond memories of it.

"My siblings and I had a happy childhood. We saw our parents work together. Mom was the cashier and Dad was in charge of inventory and accounting. We all had chores in the store and as kids we looked forward to new stocks, toys, and great treats." Wyman said.

"Business has kept us together rather than break us apart. My mother, even in her age, would travel from Palau to visit the store. My oldest brother who is also busy running a business in Palau comes over every quarter to see how things are and give advice because he is the head of the household with most experience and success to share. My sisters, one on island and one in the States, are ready to help anytime."

Martha's Store intends to keep going and be a part of Saipan's journey and progress.

"We are always growing with the times and we are currently choosing a direction that we want to go. We are proud of what the store has become."

TMS students head for high school

REDZ NISSI RIVER
Valedictorian

MARIA JESSICA CRUZ
Salutatorian

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REPORTER

A total of 64 students of Tanapag Middle School were promoted to high school last Wednesday at the school's campus.

Valedictorian Redz Nissi Rivera, who is looking forward to a high school life at Marianas High School, said in her valedictory address that her stay at TMS made her strive to be a better person everyday.

"I wouldn't be where I am today without all of you," she said.

Salutatorian Maria Jessica Cruz, who expects to attend Kagman High School, said that struggles should not hinder students from "reaching for better opportunities."

"Once we step into high school there would be more challenges and struggles and we should be ready for," she said.

Gerard van Gils, the 2017 State Teacher of the Year and TMS special guest speaker, urged the Class of 2017 to "finish what you start."

ERWIN ENCINARES

The Tanapag Middle School's Class of 2017.

"Be very careful with what you start. You want to make wise choices in choosing your endeavors," he said.

Madison Dueñas was presented with the school leadership award.

There was a five-way tie for the math subject award among Cruz, Stephenny Patrice Pangelinan, Aika Watanabe, Trinity Cruz, and Rinto Takahashi.

The science award went to Watanabe while the English language arts award went to Trinity Cruz.

Rivera and Cruz both received multiple awards during the promotion ceremony. Rivera was awarded the social studies subject award as well as a tie with Cruz for the Chamorro Carolinian language and heritage studies award.

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Girl Talk moves to a new location

Lollipops, which does business as Girl Talk, would like to share some good news for our young divas and super hero girls!

Girl Talk has recently moved from its former location on Beach Road across from the first pavilion to the FISG Building on Micro Beach Road.

As always, Girl Talk has a huge selection of casual tops and bottoms, dressy blouses and skirts, special occasions dresses for communion, weddings, graduations and other events, and accessories.

All clothing is tailored to that special tween age—8 years to 12 years old—and includes a small collection of junior sizes.

Visit us soon and enjoy our more spacious shop, better parking and a cooler venue!

This weekend Girl Talk will distribute raffle tickets for one of our most popular plush toys. Bring in a receipt for any purchase from Lollipops or Swirls and join the raffle!

Hope to see you soon! ***(PR)***

Girl Talk also has a huge selection of accessories. DONNA RIVERA

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Probable cause found to charge 2 men in Marpi robbery

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REPORTER

The Superior Court found probable cause yesterday to warrant the filing of charges against two suspects in the robbery of three female tourists along Banzai Cliff Road in Marpi.

At a preliminary hearing, Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho found probable cause to believe that the crimes of robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery, and disturbing the peace were committed and that Alvin Iguel Blas and Jazzy Kulas Rosokow may have committed the offenses.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas called to the witness stand police detective Jackson Davis, the officer in charge of the case.

Assistant public defender Nancy Dominski served as counsel for Blas, while Rene C. Holmes appeared as court-appointed counsel for Rosokow.

Arraignment will be on June 5, 2017.

After the hearing, Camacho remanded Blas and Rosokow into the custody of the Department of Corrections.

A $20,000 and $100,000 cash bail were imposed on Blas and Rosokow, respectively.

Blas, 28, a bakery employee, was first arrested a few hours after the robbery that occurred in the afternoon of May 14. A video taken during the incident by another tourist led to the identification of the suspects' getaway car and Blas.

Police said that Blas confessed, which resulted in the arrest of Rosokow last May 22.

Police said it was Blas who grabbed the backpack of a female tourist and ran to a white rental Hyundai Accent. During the struggle, the car dragged her, causing minor injuries.

Police said that, according to Blas, it was the 39-year-old Rosokow who was the driver and planned the robbery. Rosokow is Blas' brother-in-law.

Rosokow is a beach volleyball player who works as a tour guide.

Environment conference registration now open

The 29th Pacific Islands Environmental Conference, which will be held on June 13-15, 2017, at the Saipan World Resort, is now open for registration.

The theme of this year's conference is "A Sustainable Pacific: Preparing for Change, Voyaging with Knowledge." The conference agenda will focus on climate change and island resilience, approaches to sustainable development, and the connections between public health and the environment. The conference will feature distinguished professionals from the U.S. mainland and Pacific region. This will be an excellent opportunity for the community to learn from experts on environmental management in other jurisdictions.

More information about the conference can be found at http://deq.gov.mp. The conference registration fee is $50 for the three days, or $20 for one day. Register now as prices will increase at the door and space is limited!

General admission at the door will be $75 for the three days, or $30 for one-day admission. If you would like more information, visit the conference website at https://www.regonline.com/29PIECSAIPAN. ***(PR)***

CALVO'S DONATION

Calvo's Insurance recently donated $1,500 to the organizers of the upcoming Governor's Tournament of Champions, which will be held this weekend on May 27 and 28, 2017, at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. Eli Buenaventura, general manager of Calvo's Insurance, center, presented the check to Ben Babauta, TOC tournament director, fourth from right. Also in photo are representatives of Calvo's Insurance and the TOC planning committee.

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HYATT DONATION

Hyatt Regency Saipan recently donated $5,000 in in-kind donations to the organizers of the upcoming Governor's Tournament of Champions, which will be held this weekend on May 27 and 28, 2017, at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. From left: Gabrielle Colombo, Hyatt Regency executive chef; Seiji Shindo, Hyatt Regency assistant F&B manager; Marino Hiroichi Jr., TOC committee member; Tyrell Pauling, Hyatt Regency F&B director; Ben Babauta, TOC tournament director; Rosalyn Quintanilla, Hyatt Regency director of rooms; Zenn Tomokane, executive sous chef; Amanda Ramon, TOC committee member; Jason Camacho, TOC committee member; and Marie Sablan, TOC committee member.

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Chefs' Competition to cap 'Taste'

The certified Angus beef Chefs' Competition, jointly organized by the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods, will highlight the final night this Saturday of the 19th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden at Garapan Fishing Base.

Junior chefs from participating hotels will be challenged to prepare a dish using this year's featured cut, bottom butt flap. Chefs will be provided local vegetables and herbs from Garapan Public Market, with at least two items from a mystery box of ingredients to be incorporated into the dish.

Herman's Modern Bakery roasts a pig at the 19th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden at Garapan Fishing Base, Saipan, on May 20,2017.

MVA

Spencer Marchadesch and Angelo Camacho, center with children, win first place in the BBQ Pork Ribs Cookoff at the 19th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden at Garapan Fishing Base, Saipan, on May 20, 2017.

MVA

Judging will begin at 7:30pm, with the top three winners winning cash prizes, trophies, CAB items, and the opportunity to participate in this year's CNMI Next Top Chef competition.

"The final night of 'Taste' is going to be just as exciting and delicious as the first three weeks," said MVA Community Project manager Martin Duenas. "We invite everyone to come out and celebrate Tourism Month with us."

Winners of the student "See My Marianas" Graphic Art Design Contest will be announced on the main stage at 8pm. The contest challenged students in grade 6-12 to use graphic design to promote their favorite sites in the Marianas, and sample entries are being featured by the MVA on their Facebook page "My Marianas."

Last week, the Taste welcomed teams of two to prepare their own BBQ Pork Ribs on site, with eight teams taking the challenge. Spencer Marchadesch and Angelo Camacho placed first, father and son team Francisco Sablan Sr. and Jr. placed second, Chris and Ronald Barahan placed third, and Jonathan and Joel Camacho finished fourth. Team Marchadesch also placed second in the prior week's "Kadun Pika" (spicy chicken) Cookoff.

This Saturday's entertainment lineup is scheduled to include: CNMI Awadori at 6pm, Uprooted CNMI at 6:30pm, Chuuk at 7pm, Simiyan Marianas at 7:30pm, Philippine Community at 8pm, Tiul Belau Dancers at 8:30pm, 29/11 at 9pm, Chynman Stand Up Comedy at 9:30pm, and Tai and Ali'is Show at 10pm. Entertainment is subject to change.

Fourteen food and three beverage vendors are participating in the MVA's annual signature event, which features international cuisine at affordable prices from local hotels and restaurant vendors, non-stop live entertainment on the main stage, nightly contests on the secondary stage, and arts and crafts sales. The festival will be extended to end at 11pm on this final night.

Participating food vendors are Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kanoa Resort, Mariana Resort & Spa, Herman's Bakery, D'Elegance Cafe, Furusato Restaurant, Thai House, Tropical Chills, Sierra's Pearl Shake, Sweet Escapes, Matty's BBQ, Tony Roma's/ Capricciosa, and Kinpachi Restaurant.

Residents are also encouraged to show their support for Tourism Month by observing "Hafa Adai Tirow Spirit" Island WearFridays and participating in Tourism Trivia on KCNM-KZMI, KKMP, KWAW, and Power 99. ***(MVA)***

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Each contestant may enter only one recipe in one of the following categories:
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2. The SPAM® Cook-Off will be held at Joeten Susupe on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 11:00AM and will be limited to twenty (20) contestants. Contest registration will be on a first-come, first serve basis. To enter the contest, individuals must submit their name, address, daytime phone number and recipe; all information is to be typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper, to the Joeten Susupe, Monday-Friday, 8am-6pm. All contestants will be required to sign the Official Rules upon entering the contest. Each contestant may enter only one recipe for one of the following categories: original appetizer, casserole, stew, stir-fry, salad or sandwich. Each recipe entry must use at least one 12-ounce can from the SPAM® family of products (any variety). Last day/time to submit entry forms and recipes is Friday, June 7, 2017 at 6pm.

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5. Contestants must bring their dish for judging by 10:45am. Any dishes brought in after 10:45am will be disqualified. Judging will begin promptly at 11:15am. Final heating, cooking and presentation preparation may be done at the contest site. Power outlets will be provided. Contestants must bring all required preparation materials such as warming plates, crock pots, etc. The individual who entered the contest must be present at the judging of their dish. Entries will be judged on the basis of taste, originality and overall presentation. The judges will be chosen by Dickerson & Quinn and Joeten Enterprise.

6. A first, second and third place winner will be selected. The first place winner will receive $500 cash. The second place winner will receive $300 cash . The third place winner will receive $200 cash.

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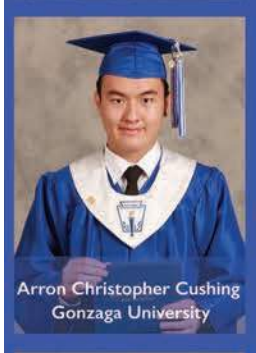
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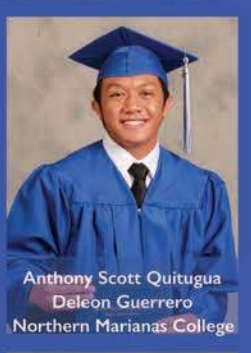
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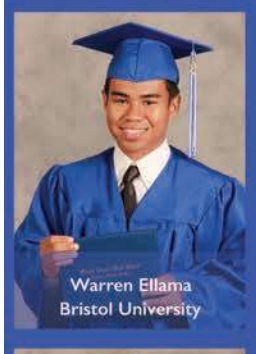
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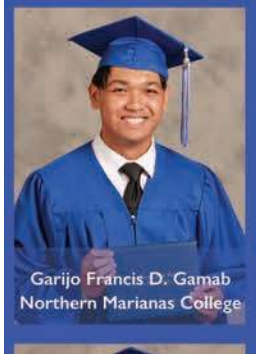
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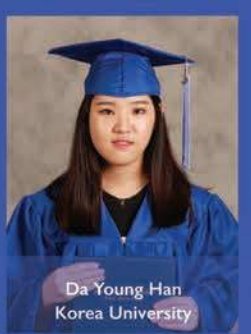
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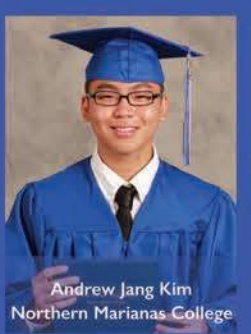
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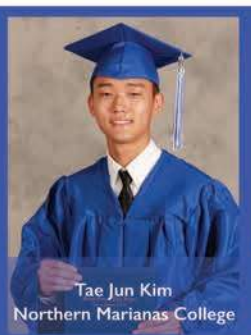
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Budget cuts include US heart

On Tuesday, President Donald Trump's 2018 proposed budget was unveiled. The president was out of town. Perhaps not a bad idea. This will be a very hard sell. To Congress. To the American people.

It's called "A New Foundation for American Greatness" and would slash federal spending by $4.5 trillion over 10 years. The cuts come with a huge price that would be paid disproportionately by the poor, disabled and elderly.

The president does not touch the third rail of entitlement programs—Social Security and Medicare—but does cut $800 billion from Medicaid over the next 10 years. Also lopped off is $192 billion for food assistance. Disability payments are cut by $72 billion.

Another savings—$40 billion over 10 years—comes from not allowing undocumented immigrants to collect the child-care tax credit or earned-income tax credit even if their children are U.S. citizens. This latter point may prove popular with some of the president's base, but it remains a heartless cut.

The proposed budget will increase military spending by 10 percent and includes $1.6 billion for the beginning of the U.S.-Mexican border wall. The president does make good on his promise to invest in infrastructure: $200 billion. And an initiative of his daughter Ivanka Trump—six weeks of paid family leave—will receive $19 billion.

The house of cards is built on the assumption the economy will grow by 3 percent over the next decade. But the Congressional Budget Office is projecting 1.9 percent growth, while the Fed projects 1.8 percent.

The president's budget director, Mick Mulvaney, said Monday, "The ugly truth is this: You can never balance the budget at 1.9 percent growth. It's just not going to happen."

Saying the economy will grow 3 percent every year for the next 10 years doesn't make that happen, either.

Trump wants a major revision of the federal tax code, which could stimulate the economy, but there are no details for such tax reform. All federal programs should be continually evaluated for effectiveness and affordability, and that must include Social Security and Medicare, regardless of the politics.

Cutting federal funding for Medicaid transfers the burden to states. If states with responsible leaders have to pick up the burden, taxes will rise locally. And in states where leaders are less compassionate, people will fall into the cracks.

Presidents' budgets are suggestions, road maps, grand ideas. They show priorities, and that often is about it. Congress will battle this out, and it is unlikely many of Trump's draconian proposed cuts will stay.

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., chairman of the House Freedom Caucus, told The Washington Post that some cuts to programs for the elderly were too much even for him. "Meals on Wheels, even for some of us who are considered to be fiscal hawks, may be a bridge too far," he said. So there will be haggling ahead.

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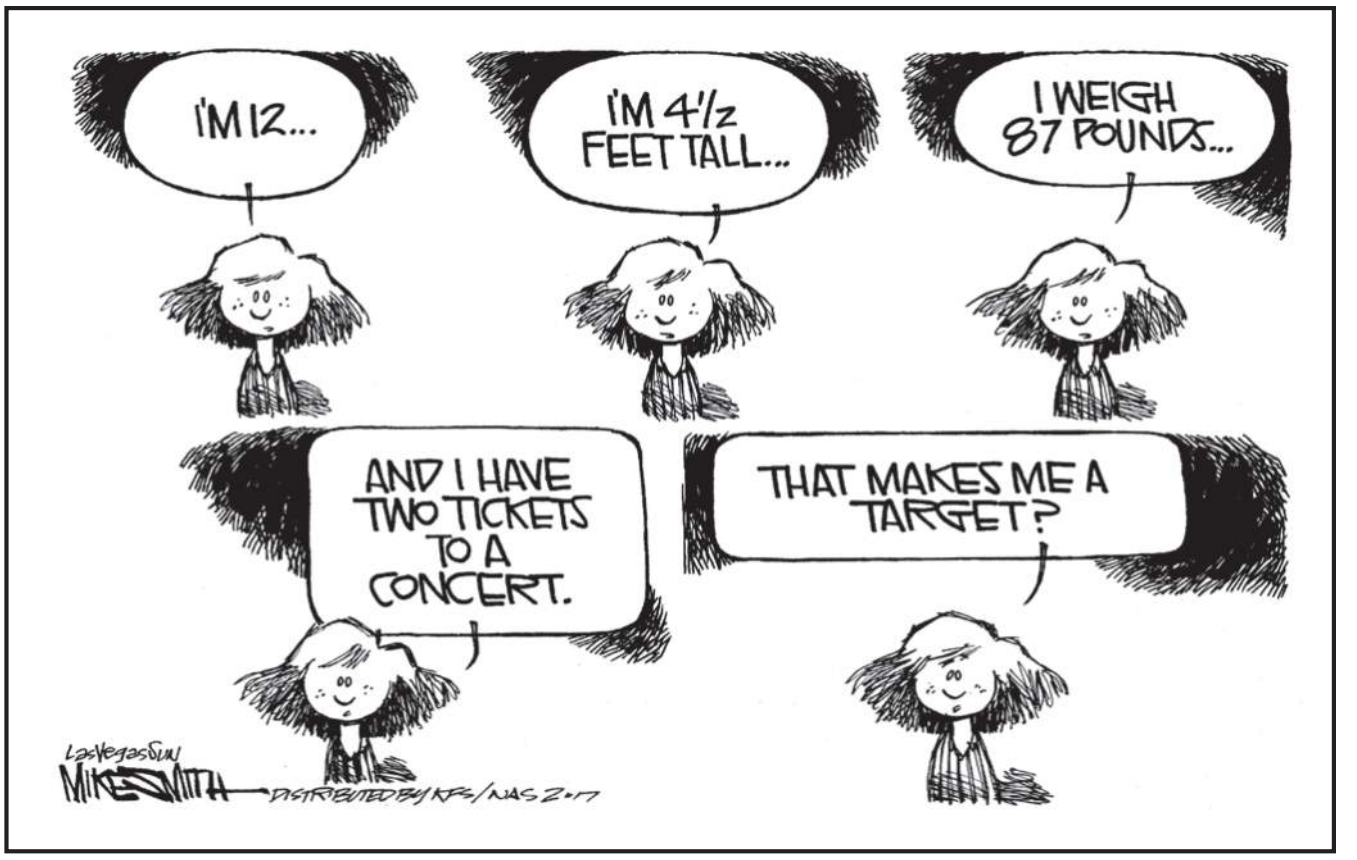

Harvard study: Media has been largely negative on Trump

By JOHN KASS
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Whenever I mention that the news media leans ridiculously far to the left, that it has lost half the country with its attitude and that the tone of the coverage of President Donald Trump is over-the-top hostile, I get the same darn reaction.

The eye roll.

That big Anderson Cooper CNN eye roll, often accompanied by a few theatrical sighs.

And when I leave the newsroom, it gets even worse on social media.

But now Harvard University's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy has come out with a study of media coverage of the Trump White House in its first 100 days.

It is astonishing because it comes from Harvard, not exactly the bedrock of American conservatism.

The study found that in Trump's first 100 days in office, the tone of the news coverage of the president has been a whopping 80 percent negative to 20 percent positive.

CNN and NBC struck a 93 percent negative tone on their Trump stories, with only 7 percent positive. CBS was third in the anti-Trump race, with a 91 to 9 ratio. And the pro-Trump Fox News? That network was 52 percent negative to 48 percent positive.

So what does fair and balanced really mean, anyway?

"It confirms what most people understand," said Tom Bevan, publisher and co-founder of RealClearPolitics, one of the go-to websites for media and political junkies.

Bevan spoke as a guest on "The Chicago Way" podcast that I co-host with WGN-AM radio producer Jeff Carlin.

"The response will be that Trump is deserving of this kind of coverage because he's conducted himself inappropriately, and these are self-inflicted wounds, and the press is doing nothing but covering him and his actions. But that's a little bit disingenuous," Bevan said.

"I think Trump has been treated unfairly by the press in his first 100 days. Everything he does is seen as a five-alarm fire."

Trump bears some of the blame for this. He mocked the media, called journalists "the enemy of the people," and went to Washington with much vulgar bragging, essentially promising he'd kick the political establishment right in the private parts. And telling the Russians that former FBI director James Comey is a "nut job" doesn't help.

And now the establishment kicks back.

Many Beltway journalists are essentially establishment creatures, gatekeepers for the political ruling class, members of that class and fierce guardians of their place in the empire. The political class sees Trump and the 62 million Americans who voted for him as the stuff they scrape off their shoes.

While Trump's 80-20 negative coverage ratio is amazing, Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush also received much negative coverage in their first 100 days, at about 60-40 ratios.

So how was President Obama covered in his first 100 days? With a 60-40 positive to negative ratio, according to the Harvard study.

"That's a significant shift, a significant difference," says Bevan. "I think this is reflective of the fact that the media does root from the press box, and they do cheer for certain personalities, and they do cheer against others."

I have my own memory of the media's tone after Obama took office. It wasn't merely positive, it was adoring, gushy, in the way a small child looks up to a beloved parent, or a dog to the master who gives it biscuits.

It was as if the media were hugging a magical unicorn. Obama wasn't only given the benefit of the doubt. He was handed the Nobel Peace Prize though he hadn't done anything to earn it. And critics were trashed as nothing but racists.

Obama controversies, from his administration's gun-running scandal in the "Fast and Furious" debacle to using the Internal Revenue Service as a weapon against conservative groups, were covered, somewhat. But generally, the tone was muted, respectful, nothing like it was for Trump or the Clintons.

Later, in Hillary Clinton's failed 2016 campaign, leaks of Democratic National Committee email _ whether hacked by the Russians or not _ demonstrated collusion between journalists and Democrats. But that cozy relationship has never properly been addressed, and that avoidance undermines the credibility of journalism as the media challenges Trump.

"Because of the way the press covered Obama, they lost so much credibility," Bevan said. "And because they did not take these things seriously, the IRS scandal, Fast and Furious, you could go down the list of where they turned the other cheek. ... And now where they're giving Trump the third degree on everything, that makes the contrast all that much greater.

"So you have a certain segment of the public, the people who voted for Trump, who literally do not trust what the media says."

And the divide between rigidly defined political tribes, one courted by the media, the other dismissed by it, grows even wider.

"It's not good for journalism, and it's not good for the country," said Bevan.

Agreed. But I don't see it changing any time soon. Do you?

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A proverb for the season

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Every season has its rituals. Graduation season is no exception. Everyone is expected to hang some ornaments on the wisdom tree. Yes, 'tis the season for platitudes, especially those of the inspirational variety.

I figured I'd get in the spirit of the season this time around. The challenge is to offer something that's pragmatic and not decorative. I've pulled an old box of proverbs from the attic and I've been digging around for a good one. Hey, here's a good one; in reality, it's pragmatic, and in theory, it can lead to an inspirational outlook. So let's hang it on the wisdom tree. It's labeled Made in China because it is, in fact, a Chinese proverb:

"Disease enters the mouth, disaster comes out of the mouth."

OK, you're not going to hear that at a graduation speech. Like I said, it's not decorative. But pragmatic? It might be the most pragmatic sentence I know of, especially when we consider the decades of consequences that accumulate after we're no longer bright and shiny young graduates.

We humans are pretty good at putting all manner of stuff with our yappers, be it solid, liquid, or gaseous: sugar, salt, fat, chemicals, pills, booze, and various smokable materials. How many health woes are attributable to this? Outside of accidents or combat, I'd say that over half the people I know who have died early or who have been chronically ill can ultimately trace their woes to what was going into the mouth.

Most toxic stuff can be recognized for what it is; everyone makes their own decisions on that note and will answer for them eventually.

Paradoxically, it's the innocuous stuff that can be the most insidious. The calorie-rich American diet is mighty savory, to me, anyway, but I don't shed calories like I did in college. Telling myself "disease enters the mouth" is a good way to scold myself into not being too much of a pig. True, it might not keep me away from the burgers, but at least it's fending off the fries, shakes and sodas.

Well, so much for the first part of the proverb. As for the second part, on the empirical side of the equation we all accumulate enough observations in life to reach our own conclusions; humanity always offers examples, be they on Saipan or elsewhere. And on the proverb side of things it would be easy to come up with dozens of related cautionary sayings. I'll content myself with two here. From the West we've got "Loose lips sink ships." And an old Chinese phrase says, tersely, "Knowers don't talk, talkers don't know."

As for the proverb at hand, "Disease enters the mouth, disaster comes out of the mouth," as blunt and cautionary as it sounds, it does lead to an inspiring picture. It's actually consistent with a very elegant notion. The notion is that sometimes the most profitable approach is to take less action, not more action. In other words, less is more.

We're all faced with a world that's driven by the "more, more, more" mentality. You can run yourself ragged trying to keep up with all the action. As important as action is, though, non-action can be a strategic asset of the highest order. I don't think abstraction illustrates the point well, but some real-world situations can do a good job of it.

For example, I saw some judo matches when I was a kid. It was instructive to see how the experts moved around far less than the hacks did. In fact, the experts used the hacks' own motion and momentum against them. Although I didn't know anything about judo, I did sense there was something in the dynamic that had broader applications, which is surely why those matches have stuck in my memory for decades now. Indeed, it seems that every passing day is merely another episode of seeing the same dynamic in various contexts.

Likewise, if you've ever seen good swimmers and bad swimmers, you'll note that a good swimmer can float with no apparent movement or action at all. A bad one, by contrast, will splash and flail and stir up a storm, using more and more action to counteract the previous action. There's a word for this. It's called "drowning."

Getting back into the spirit of graduation season, as graduates contemplate all the great things they'll do, it can be pointed out that doing difficult things isn't all struggle and toil. What we do can be a lot more effective when we're mindful of what we don't do, too.

I don't think we have that wisdom wired into us innately. We just have to hope that we get to figure it out before we mess anything up. In the meantime, I'll put away my box of proverbs.

A view into 2018

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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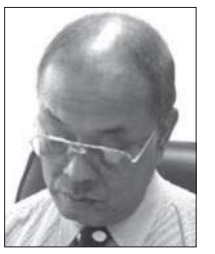

Looking into the 2018 political contest makes for interesting sizing up of prospective candidates, especially as it relates to the most coveted seat here.

You gauge the pulse of the community and you see two completely differing views. From within, you see a field of roses in a garden, but viewed from without the same place look wildly overgrown, with marshland reed in a filthy swamp.

I've kept pace with events as they unfold, calling a spade a spade. Indeed, some of the Lulu boys and girls are miffed for stepping on their neatly pedicured toenails. Well, I relish the adversarial relationship against unscrupulous politicians in favor of "we the people."

It remains the basic tenet of responsible journalism to search for the truth, trumpeting the same to the multitude. It definitely includes your performance on issues as our alleged representatives.

As the year turns into the sunset, it leaves behind indelible record of performance people see and use to gauge how their so-called representatives meet fiduciary duty. On a scale of one to 10, how do you rate your job, empowering families to meet obligations beyond mediocrity and complacency?

And other than your sterling performance raising your salaries, what have you done for the hardworking (13,000-plus employees) receiving poverty income level and below?

Furthermore, why are the prices of basic goods on the increase and is this an issue with you? Doesn't this require research work?

At any rate, you need laser sharp knife to cut through a pile of critical reviews of your performance from "we the people" next year!

Still is the economy, stupid! Islandwide robberies and thefts are mercilessly on the increase, confirming woefully bad economic conditions at home. Negative activities blossom as the means to pay for gambling, heavy drugs or the sheer joy of destroying people's properties. This is very alarming!

The "young and the jobless" roam the streets, inflicting damage to family property like it's the fourth of July. Whatever happened to economic improvements and have they trickled down to families NMI-wide?

High salary: But did you know your so-called representatives would be raking in an annual salary of $75,000 to $135,000 per year beginning 2019? It's a question taxpayers must know forthwith.

The misery taxpayers face could have been slammed instantly had Raffy vetoed the measure. But he let it slide, becoming law without his signature.

Of the 50 states, only nine have fulltime legislatures, the rest are part-time. Nebraska and Arizona have part-time legislatures and pay their representatives $12,000 and $24,000 per year, respectively. Arizona's salaries require approval by the voters.

Now, the loot for legislators from Tinian and Rota is $135,000 per year. This requires critical OPA review, especially the additional amount given for monthly expenses, e.g., $2,500 for Saipan legislators and $5,000 for Tinian and Rota. This is on top of their salaries. The elected elite is still ahead by as much as $49,000 per year over the 13,000-plus working class earning poverty level income.

Pointed the questions may be and painful politically, but "we the people" deserve answers over the tiptoe you now use to avoid being held accountable.

Vetting issues: Major issues require strong organization and purpose so there's thorough review on matters of substance like the local economy, according to former speaker Oscar C. Rasa.

Said he: "It's a must under any administration that should include appointing policy staff; deciding on policy goals, strategy and tactics; keeping the staff from descending into the infighting that inevitably besets any large organization; providing regular oversight of evolving policies to make sure they adhere to the governor's goals; setting up channels and a process to get input from the legislature and legal advisers; writing a very detailed plan that provides guidance to staff and legislators, and reassurance to the public; and having a political and communications strategy lined up long before he rolls out his plan."

The former speaker has superb academic and professional experiences. He said that the suggestion may look cumbrous and unnecessary, but it's a must to enlist a united legislative and Cabinet support in moving the NMI's agenda forward amidst challenges of the digital age Couldn't agree more!

Policy instability: Would there ever come a time when we wake up to the morning sun, confident that our future is in the palm of our hands? When do we conquer adolescency that seems to be resting comfortably on the lap of *mañana* in perpetuity?

Over the years the NMI gained the reputation of midstream shifts in its policies. This is really frustrating but it seems a treasured halo floating above our oversized heads. We upped the ante with a polished model of perennial mistakes wrapped in political correctness to avoid resolution.

After nearly 40 years in self-government, I was hoping we would outgrow adolescency and begin resolving perennial issues in forthright fashion. But we haven't done anything in stride beyond *que sera*.

The new culture spreads into other vital areas of pursuit, compromising everything from principle, focus and moral conscience. If I may reiterate, we haven't done anything in stride beyond the comforts of *que sera*.

Pondering: Recalled the Fitial administration when 300-900 people were terminated from their jobs. Some 3,000 of our very own read the message in the blue skies of paradise of zero opportunities. No time wasted, they simply evacuated elsewhere.

Remember a conversation I had with a homesteader who just finished building the first family home. He and spouse were part of the Fitial termination scheme. He took his family and left with a heavy heart saying, "It's okay." Didn't know political vengeance included destruction of our very own! Humiliating!

BUDGET

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But there is no question the proposed budget favors the wealthy over the poor.

Mulvaney said, "This is, I think, the first time in a long time that an administration has written a budget through the eyes of the people who are actually paying the taxes."

The poor and the elderly don't pay as much taxes as the 1 or 2 percent, but their needs are just as real. Federal budgets are a mixture of politics and policy competing for a finite amount of revenue. But Congress must not lose sight of the most important part of the American treasury: Americans. All Americans. A budget without a heart should be dead on arrival.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. east winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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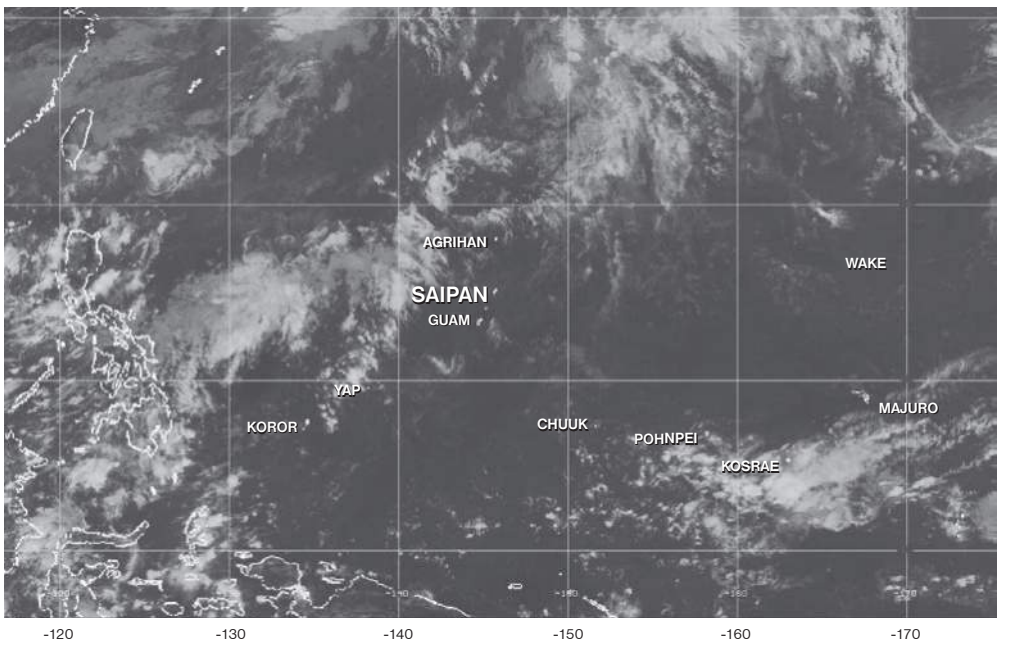

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

More quiet weather will continue through the period. Moisture remains generally to our south and northwest. However, except for a passing shower guidance keeps it there. Over the weekend, there may be a slight increase in clouds but that should be about it. Seas will rise to about the 4 to 6 foot level by Sunday before slowly subsiding by Monday. With the long holiday weekend, it pays to be diligent. Only minor changes were made to the forecast as the overall philosophy has not changed.

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MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly cloudy	88 | 81 °F
Palau	Thunderstorms	85 | 79 °F
Yap	Thunderstorms	85 | 73 °F
Chuuk	Partly cloudy	86 | 81 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86 | 79 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85 | 80 °F
Majuro	Partly cloudy	85 | 81 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Mostly cloudy	64 | 56 °F
Beijing	Mostly sunny	82 | 63 °F
Hong Kong	Cloudy	82 | 75 °F
Honolulu	Sunny	81 | 69 °F
London	Sunny	79 | 62 °F
Los Angeles	Mostly cloudy	88 | 80 °F
Manila	Thunderstorms	87 | 79 °F
Melbourne	Partly cloudy	65 | 49 °F
Miami	Partly cloudy	88 | 77 °F
New York	Overcast	75 | 58 °F
Osaka	Cloudy	79 | 58 °F
Paris	Clear	84 | 60 °F
Pusan	Clear	76 | 52 °F
Rome	Mostly sunny	83 | 58 °F
Salem	Partly cloudy	73 | 49 °F
San Francisco	Fog	63 | 52 °F
Seoul	Sunny	77 | 53 °F
Tokyo	Cloudy	74 | 64 °F
Washington, DC	Sunny	77 | 58 °F

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2:13 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.57
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DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
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JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN

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SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

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BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

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GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

NEW GRADUATE
Congratulations on your graduation, Garijo Francis Gamab. We send you loads of love and luck your way as you prepare to step into the next level of college life. We are much proud and thank you to have you as our son. Greetings come from your loving parents and sisters.
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Free health screening on Sunday

To increase awareness of maintaining good health and wellness, and to promote education on disease prevention, the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance CNMI chapter, National Youth Movement for the West Philippine Sea Marianas chapter, and BAYANi Marianas chapter will be holding a free three-hour health screening on Sunday, May 28, 2017, from 8am to 11am, at YCO True Value Hardware, Beach Road, Garapan.

Registration starts at 7:30am and will be continuing until 10am.

People who would like to avail of the blood sugar tests are advised to refrain from eating and drinking liquids preferably 12 hours or two hours prior to the actual testing.

Brochures and information dissemination on disease prevention will be distributed at the site, said Dr. Celia Lamkin. ***(PR)***

Child seat, seatbelt checkpoints set

SAIPAN
The Department of Public Safety's Highway Patrol will be conducting occupant protection and child restraint on May 27, and 30.

On May 27, Saturday, the first checkpoint will be from Beach Road, Garapan to Beach Road, Susupe from 5pm to 7pm. The second checkpoint will be from Chalan Pale Arnold, Garapan to Chalan Pale Arnold, Chalan Laulau from 8pm to 10pm.

On May 30, the first checkpoint will be from Beach Road, Chalan Laulau to Beach Road, San Antonio from 9am to 11am. The second checkpoint will be from Chalan Monsignor Guerrero, San Jose to Chalan Monsignor Guerrero, Dandan from 12pm to 2pm.

In addition, police will be conducting laser speed enforcement along various highways. ***(PR)***

ROTA
The Department of Public Safety's Rota Highway Patrol Section will be conducting seatbelt/child seat restraint checkpoints.

Today, May 26, the first setup is from 6am to 7:15am, San Francisco highway Igua area. The second setup is from 6pm to 7:15pm, San Francisco highway Guata area.

On Monday, May 29, 2017, the first setup is from 6am to 7:15am at the San Francisco highway Tatgua area. The second setup is from 6pm to 7:15pm, along the San Francisco highway Tatachog area.

On June 2, the first setup is from 6am to 7:15am at the San Francisco highway Tatachog area. The second setup from 6pm to 7:15pm is at the San Francisco highway Sonton area.

On June 3, the first setup is from 6am to 7:15am along the San Francisco highway Lotgan area. The second setup from 6pm to 7:15pm will be along the San Francisco highway by Teteto beach.

In addition, traffic and patrol officers will be conducting highway criminal interdictions, saturation patrols, aggressive driver interdictions, and laser (speed detection) enforcement. ***(PR)***

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2017 Garapan Watershed Warriors Program

This spring, almost 50 students from Garapan Elementary School gained the title of "Watershed Warrior" for their hard work and dedication to protecting the CNMI's land and marine resources. Students from Mr. Peter Loken and Mr. John Aldrich's 4th grade classrooms spent the last few months learning about watersheds, coral reefs, pollution, the Micronesia Challenge and environmental stewardship as part of an educational program run by the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality. On Friday, May 19, 2017, students made the trek to the revegetation site located in the Laolao watershed right above Laolao Bay. With some helpful assistance from MINA's Tasi Rangers, the students planted 20 native trees that will reduce erosion and protect coral reefs in the waters below.

If you want to learn more about watersheds, land based sources of pollution, and ways to protect watersheds and coral reefs, please visit www.cnmicoralreef.com. You too can be a Watershed Warrior for the CNMI!

The Coral Reef Initiative would like to thank MINA's Tasi Rangers for their help on this field trip, as well as CNMI Forestry for donating the native trees. Special thanks to Mr. Peter Loken and Mr. John Aldrich at Garapan Elementary School for their continued support of the Watershed Warrior Program. Lastly, to our newest Watershed Warriors, thank you for a fun-filled year!

CLICK-IT OR TICKET
National Seat Belt Enforcement Mobilization
May 22 - June 04, 2017
CLICK IT OR TICKET DAY & NIGHT
In real life you don't get a second chance.
Car Seat Recommendations for Children
Select a car seat based on your child's age and size, and choose a seat that fits in your vehicle and use it every time.
Always refer to your specific car seat manufacturer's instructions; read the vehicle owner's manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt or LATCH system; and check height and weight limits.
To maximize safety, keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as the child fits within the manufacturer's height and weight requirements.
Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.
BIRTH 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
AGE (years)
Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.
REAR-FACING CAR SEAT
Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats: Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing. Convertible and 3-in-1 car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.
FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT
Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.
BOOSTER SEAT
Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.
SEATBELT
Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.
DESCRIPTION (RESTRAINT TYPE)
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A BOOSTER SEAT positions the seat belt so that it fits properly over the stronger parts of your child's body.
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CRIME OF THE WEEK

Robbery at the Paseo

Crime Stoppers is seeking the public's help for a robbery incident that occurred at the Paseo intersection to Beach Road, Garapan.

On Tuesday night, May 23, 2017, at about 11:30pm, police learned the victim, a 38-year-old Asian female, was sitting on a bench near Paris Croissants with a few of her friends. The victim's purse was strapped on her right shoulder. They first noticed the suspect— described as male, about 5'5" tall, slim, dark skinned, and wearing a black shirt—walking toward her direction.

The victim had her back turned to the suspect when she felt him grab her purse, snatching it off her shoulder. The suspect ran south on the sidewalk toward a light-colored four-door sedan parked near the entrance to Tony Roma's restaurant. The car fled south on Beach Road.

Items stolen include one beige leather purse, a Chinese passport, five bank cards, an iPhone 5, $100, and $4,200 yuan. The victim was not injured.

Contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 or at www.nmicrimestoppers.net. ***(Crime Stoppers)***

AMP hosts Junior Ranger Camp

This summer, the American Memorial Park and its partner, Pacific Historic Parks, will host the first ever Junior Ranger Camp on Saipan. The three-day camp will provide Saipan youth an opportunity to explore the great outdoors while learning about the park, Saipan history, and other significant World War II sites on island.

The free Junior Ranger Camp will be held on June 20, 21, and 22, 2017, for youth between the ages of 9-12. All youth who complete the Junior Ranger Camp will become official junior rangers and will be awarded a junior ranger badge and certificate.

To register your child, stop by the American Memorial Park Visitor Center and complete a registration form. Space is limited so register soon! Applications will be accepted at the park and youth will be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information about this program, contact ranger Brooke Nevitt at 234-7207 or 2020 or email brooke_nevitt@nps.gov or Jovannalyn Moses at jmafnas@pacifichistoricparks.org. ***(NPS)***

RECRUITMENT DAY

Date: Tuesday, 30 May 2017
Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Venue: Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Banquet Hall - Azucena

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		DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	1
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HANMI

Chong Corp. project manager Honesto Servida, center, presents a check donation to HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament Committee member Glenn Policare on May18, 2017.

HANMI

Chong's Corp. is a shared hole sponsor for the 16th Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament on June 24, 2017, at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Chong's Corp. supports HANMI golf tournament

Chong's Corp. is the latest company to become a shared hole sponsor of the 16th Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament.

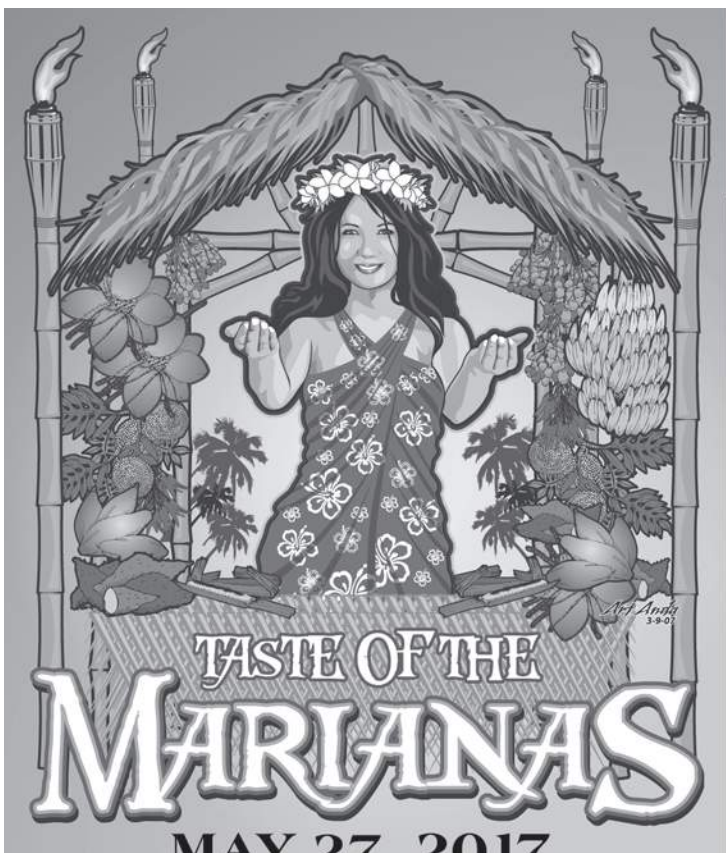
"Chong's Corp. has been a continuous sponsor of the tournament over the years, aiding HANMI in our many charitable donations made possible by the tournament," said HANMI golf committee member Glenn Policare of Kanoa Resort. "We are ecstatic about their continued support this year."

The tournament is slated for Laolao Bay Golf & Resort west course on June 24, 2017, and is open to the first 144 paid registrants.

"Chong's Corp. is a proud sponsor and gladly wishes all participants a successful event," said manager Honesto Servida in presenting the company's check sponsorship on May 16, 2017.

Cash, cars, hotel night stays, and other prizes await the tournament winners. Registration forms are now available at: LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Coral Ocean Golf Resort, and Mariana Country Club. Early bird tournament fee is $120 for payments received by 5pm, June 16. The fee includes green fee and the awards banquet. The fee increases to $140 after the early bird deadline. For an additional $30, players may also compete for optional play prizes, including accurate drive circle, nearest of the pin, and accurate drive line. The tournament will start at 7am.

For more information, contact tournament chair Takahiro Omori at omori@marianaresort.com or 322-0770. ***(HANMI)***



MAY 27, 2017

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL AND BEER GARDEN

GARAPAN FISHING BASE

MAY 13, & 20, 2017 (Saturdays) 6:00pm-10:00pm
MAY 27, 2017 (Last Saturday) 6:00pm-11:00pm

Saturday, May 27, 2017

6:00 p.m.	CNMI Awardori
6:30 p.m.	Uprooted CNMI
7:00 p.m.	Chuuk
7:30 p.m.	Simiyan Marianas
8:30 p.m.	Saipan Music & Dance Studio
9:00 p.m.	Tiul Belau Dancers
9:30 p.m.	29/11
10:00 p.m.	FESTPAC Southern Warriors
10:30 p.m.	Comedian Chynman

Entertainment is subject to change.

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- Sierra's Pearl Shakes
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2017 CNMI TOURISM MONTH

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"Hafa Adai Tirow" Spirit Island Wear Fridays

Every Friday in May is Hafa Adai Tirow Spirit Island Wear day! Show your island pride and culture by wearing island attire or local traditional wear. Post your photos on Facebook at "My Marianas (Marianas Visitors Authority)."

Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden

This highly anticipated weekly celebration will be held every Saturday in May at Garapan Fishing Base from 6-10 p.m. The event will feature delicious local and international cuisine sold by 13 vendors. Enjoy the talent of local and international performers with live entertainment all evening. The event will feature nightly competitions, as well as trivia questions aimed at promoting tourism awareness.

"My Marianas" Community Outreach Presentation

Get up-to-date on the latest industry trends and upcoming tourism events during this picturesque slideshow on Saturday evenings at the Taste of the Marianas.

On-the-Street Interviews

MVA turns the spotlight on you as random community members are given an opportunity to share their views in local newspapers.

Radio Tourism Trivia

Call in with the correct answer for your chance to win tokens for the Taste of the Marianas and Tourism Month T-shirts. Tourism Trivia will air regularly throughout the month on Power 99 (97.5 FM), KZMI (103.9 FM) and KKMP (1440 AM and 92.1 FM), KWAW (100.3 FM).

Tourism Month Graphic Arts Contest

Open to CNMI students in grades 6-12. Cash and Taste token prizes beginning at $300 for top five winners. Winners will be announced at the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 27 at 8 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Memories program today

The Man'Amko Memorial Day Memories program will take place today May 26, from 5:30pm to 8pm, at the American Memorial Park theater and amphitheater. Videos recorded by students of stories shared with them by their elders will be shown. There will also be performances by elders and students. ***(PR)***

Fiduciary training in the CNMI in July

The Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies, in partnership with fi360, has organized a two-day fiduciary training program, to be held i on July 10 and 11, 2017, at Laolao Bay Golf Resort. The Fiduciary Essentials Training will be held on July 10, 2017, from 7:30am to 5pm. Ross Fowler, AIFA president of fi360 Pacific, will teach the course. The next day, July 11, will have the APAFS Investment Conference from 8am to 3:15pm. The fee is $800 per registrant. Breakfast, lunch and all course materials are inclusive. Group discounts are available for organizations that will be sending five or more registrants. APAFS institutional members with updated 2017 dues are entitled to a $50 discount. For registration contact admin@apafs.org. ***(PR)***

Grief support group to meet on June 1

The Compassionate Friends of Saipan will be holding its monthly grief support meeting on Thursday, June 1, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai. For more information, e-mail tcfSaipan@gmail.com or call Donna Krum (783-1900). To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit its website at www.compassionatefriends.org. ***(PR)***

Abstract submission deadline extended

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council has extended the submission deadline for paper abstracts for the 3rd Marianas History Conference. The new submission deadline is Friday, June 2, 2017.

The conference will be held on Sept. 1-2, 2017, at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. It will cover a full range of topics associated with the archipelago's history.

Paper abstracts with a maximum of 150 words and the presenter's bio may be submitted via a link on the council webpage at www.northernmarianashumanities.org.

The conference is open to the public and free of charge. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis. Contact council staff at 235-4785 for more details. ***(PR)***

Learn how to manage tasks and time

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce presents "Task & Time Management," the second in its "customer service excellence" series of workshops for 2017 in partnership with Jim Arenovski of Island Training Solutions. This seminar will take place at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce conference room (Marianas Business Plaza, third floor, Suite 315) on June 15, 2017, from 9am to 12pm. Registration fee is $50 per person for Chamber members and $55 per person for non-members. Light refreshments are included. Reservations and advance payment are required, as seating is limited. To register, call 234-7150 or email us at coordinator@saipanchamber.com. ***(PR)***

Learn basic Chamorro

Are you interested in learning the basics of Chamorro? Or do you speak Chamorro or understand Chamorro, and just want to practice your Chamorro language skills? The CNMI Motheread/Fatheread Family Literacy Program offers a free Beginner's Chamorro Literacy Class at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library this summer! Read and borrow books translated into Chamorro from the Motheread/Fatheread curriculum. Classes are held every Thursday from May to July. Class schedule: May 18, 25, and June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, from 5pm to 6pm. Completion class on July 1(1pm to 2pm). Call 235-7319/783-7678 or email at cnmimotheread@gmail.com and sign up today. ***(PR)***

Register for Chamber's Corporate Challenge

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is still accepting team registrations for the 17th Annual Corporate Challenge on Sunday, May 28, 2017. The event will be held at Minatchom Atdao. Registrations are due this Friday, May 19, 2017 at 5pm. Submit completed team player listing. Competing this year are Imperial Pacific, Fiesta Resort &Spa Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Delta Management, The Shack, Pacific Trading Co., Marianas Pacific Distributors, IT&E, and Kanoa Resort. To register now, or for more information, call 234-7150 or e-mail administrator@saipanchamber.com for more information or visit www.saipanchamber.com. ***(PR)***

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ARFF RAPID REFILL STATION IMPROVEMENTS**, TINIAN, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO. 3-69-0011-24/XX.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *"ARFF Rapid Refill Station Improvements for the Tinian International Airport, Tinian, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0011-24/XX"*, and submitted no later than **2:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read at the Saipan Airport Conference Room immediately after 2:00 p.m. on the same day.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to construction of temporary facilities and silt fences, excavation of ponding basin, demolition of existing water tank, clearing and grubbing at water tank area and ponding basin, disconnection and capping of existing utilities, removal and disposal of existing vegetation, cutting, disposal and restoration of asphalt roadway, driveway and parking pavement, trenching, placement of 6" PVC, 8" PVC, and 12" PVC waterlines with its fittings and appurtenances, and backfill, construction of ponding basin, the construction of a 200,000-gallon glass-fused bolted steel water tank, and its appurtenances, pump house, generator room and its appurtenances, pressure reducing valve with concrete valve vault and its appurtenances, reconnection of existing waterline to the new waterline, installation and relocation of fire hydrants, all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

A CD-ROM containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100.00)** for each set of plans and documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

The Project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority and the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **Three Hundred (300) Calendar Days**. Liquidated damages in the amount of **Three Hundred ($300.00) Dollars** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is delayed beyond beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder will be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Tinian International Airport, at **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the bid opening date.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the CD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter of the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a US Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for Design-Build for the Installation of PAPI/REIL at Runway 25 at the Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Project No. CPA-SA-001-11 will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP, 96950.

One original and three copies of the sealed bids will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017,** at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read. All Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Saipan International Airport Runway 25 PAPI/REIL Installation, Project No. CPA-SA-001-11.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to Design-Build to provide a complete Design and Construction for the Runway 25's New Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) and Runway End Identifier Light (REIL) Systems based on the PAPI/REIL System to be supplied by CPA. Design and Installation will include other related support tasks as described and all in accordance with the Statement of Work and other information.

The Project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA). The Contract award, if it is made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days of the receipt of Bid Proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold such Bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of Bid opening.

A CD-Rom containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents, including Statement of Work and other information may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, upon payment of **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form, including the Bid Schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. Postal money order made payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Saipan International Airport Conference room, at **10:00 AM, MAY 19, 2017** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this Project. Attendance of the Pre-Bid Conference is mandatory.

The Contract period for Design and Construction of the Project in its entirety shall be one hundred eighty (180) calendar days. The performance period shall include all required designs calculations, progress submittal reviews, approval of the final design, complete permitting, procurement of materials, other construction incidentals, system certification, punch list corrections final operational testing, acceptance and other requirements necessary to deliver a complete, usable and dependable PAPI/REIL systems and facilities. Liquidated damages in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day completion of the Project is delayed beyond the Contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low Bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." The review will include, but is not necessarily limited to, previous projects experience, financial capability, quantity and quality of equipment and personnel, and ability to secure bonding and insurance. If the apparent low Bidder is found to be not "responsive and responsible", their Bid will be rejected and the next lowest Bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, seven (7) days prior to the date designated above for the bid opening.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section 70 of the General Provisions. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: April 17, 2017

DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES

2017 Summer Youth in Transition Camp

Sports & Wellness Camp
for Children ages 6 – 13 years old

Camp A
June 19 – 23, 2017
7:30am – 11:30am
Monday – Friday
at Hopwood Jr.
High School

Camp B
June 26 – 30, 2017
7:30am – 11:30am
Monday – Friday
at Carolinian Utt

Pick-up/drop off applications at:

- Division of Youth Services – Tanapag Youth Center (TYC)
- Division of Youth Services – Administration Office
- Koblerville Youth Center
- Carolinian Affairs Office

All applications must be submitted no later than Friday, June 09, 2017 at 4:30pm
Contact the DCCA – Division of Youth Services at 664-2550/2599
Website: www.dys.gov.mp

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Pick-up/Drop off applications at:

- DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVCES – TANAPAG YOUTH CENTER
- KOBLERVILLE YOUTH CENTER
- GARAPAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CWA)
- CAROLINIAN AFAIRS OFFICE (CAO)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS ON JUNE 09, 2017
ORIENTATION FOR ALL ON: JUNE 14, 2017 AT TANAPAG YOUTH CENTER AROUND 3:00PM.

COME ALL & HAVE A GREAT SUMMER TIME!

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
RFQ17-GOV-151

CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity Contract

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lieutenant Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Public Assistance (PA) Office, (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors for the Supply of Materials, Labor & Equipment for the Repairs/Renovation and/or New Construction of Public Facilities as a result of Typhoon Soudelor (FEMA DR-4235-MP) for the islands of Saipan and Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, currently in effect, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. Public law 15-95 local Preference Act, as amended by Public law 15-118 does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

The proposal package and Scope of Services will be available on Friday, May 19, 2017 at the Governor's Public Assistance Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI. A MANDATORY Pre-Proposal meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at 10:00am at the Governor's Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP. Questions regarding the Request for Proposals must be submitted in writing to Ms. Reyna Saures, Public Assistance Officer, via email reynasaures.pa@gmail.com no later than 4 p.m., ChST, June 7, 2017.

The total proposal length shall not exceed 15 pages in length. Note, a firm that submits a proposal as a prime contractor cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, a company may be included in multiple proposals by different contractors. Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1.	Qualifications & Experience in Construction including Firm's Profile	30%
2.	Work load and resources to accomplish work	30%
3.	Past performance with the CNMI Government on similar projects	15%
4.	Project and/or Management Approach	15%
5.	Visual examples of previous works	10%

Performance time for completion of the repair, renovation, improvements, and/or new construction will be dependent on the type of project. Liquidated damages will be assessed and shall be the greater of (i) Two Hundred Dollars (US$200.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by the number of calendar days of the contract time, the contract time and contract price being determined at the time of the assessment of liquidated damages for each and every day beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top five (5) ranked firms. The Public Assistance Office may elect to retain all of the top five (5) firms. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 70-30.3-245 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Depending on the number of projects, the Public Assistance Office will request each firm to submit a price quotation for these projects and selection will be based on the lowest cost.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **RFQ17-GOV-151, SUPPLY OF MATERIALS, LABOR AND EQUIPMENT FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROJECTS.** For proposers within the CNMI, one (1) original and four (4) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP, no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, June 16, 2017. Proposers located outside the CNMI shall obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to propose. Notices of Intent to propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST, June 16, 2017, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail toprocurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one (1) original and four (4) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S.

Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, June 16,2017, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than June 28, 2017. Failure to submit the required number of copies ofthe proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property ofthe CNMI government.

/s/ Virginia C. Villagomez
Governor's Authorized Representative

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director of Procurement & Supply

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-032

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF ENGINE LUBE OILS FOR POWER GENERATION

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply and delivery of engine lubricating oils for CUC Power Generation facilities on Saipan and Rota for the period starting September 01, 2017 through August 30, 2020.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **June 1, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-032, Supply & Delivery Of Engine Lube Oils for Power Generation"* to the **CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building**, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **June 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contract may be subject to the approval CPUC and will not be effective until receipt of such approval.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 5, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. , CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, Utility Coordinator for Power via email venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org and Antonio Castro, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email antonio.castro@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Purchasing Administrator

Business

23M more uninsured with GOP health bill—analysts

WASHINGTON (AP)—The health care bill Republicans recently pushed through the House would leave 23 million more Americans without insurance and confront others who have costly medical conditions with coverage that could prove unaffordable, Congress' official budget analysts said Wednesday.

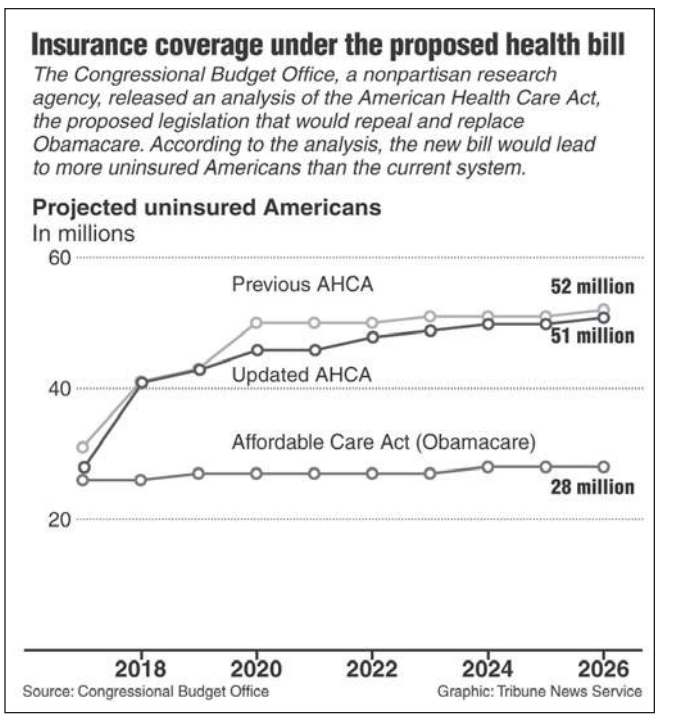
Premiums on average would fall compared with President Barack Obama's health care overhaul—a chief goal of many Republicans—but that would be partly because policies would typically provide fewer benefits, said the report by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

In some regions, people with pre-existing medical conditions and others who were seriously ill "would ultimately be unable to purchase" robust coverage at premiums comparable to today's prices, "if they could purchase at all," the report said. That was a knock on 11th-hour changes Republicans made in the bill to gain conservatives' votes by letting states get waivers to boost premiums on the ill and reduce coverage requirements.

The report said older people with lower income would disproportionately lose coverage. Over half of those becoming uninsured, 14 million people, would come from the bill's $834 billion in cuts to Medicaid, which provides health coverage to poor and disabled people, over 10 years.

Democrats cited the analysis as further evidence that the GOP effort to repeal Obama's 2010 law, a staple of Donald Trump's presidential campaign and those of numerous Republican congressional candidates for years, would be destructive. It comes three weeks after the House narrowly passed the legislation with only Republican votes, and serves as a starting point for Senate Republicans trying to craft their own version, which they say will be different.

"The report makes clear that Trumpcare would be a cancer on the American health care system," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., using the nickname Democrats have tried pinning on the bill. Schumer said the legislation would end up "causing costs to skyrocket, making coverage unaffordable for those with pre-existing conditions and many seniors, and kicking millions off of their health insurance."


Insurance coverage under the proposed health bill
The Congressional Budget Office, a nonpartisan research agency, released an analysis of the American Health Care Act, the proposed legislation that would repeal and replace Obamacare. According to the analysis, the new bill would lead to more uninsured Americans than the current system.
Projected uninsured Americans
In millions
60
40
20
Previous AHCA
52 million
51 million
Updated AHCA
Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)
28 million
2018
2020
2022
2024
2026
Source: Congressional Budget Office
Graphic: Tribune News Service

Women CEOs earn big pay, but few of them have the top job

NEW YORK (AP)—Women CEOs earned big bucks last year, but there's still very few of them running the world's largest companies.

The median pay for a female CEO was $13.1 million last year, up 9 percent from 2015, according to an analysis by executive data firm Equilar and The Associated Press. By comparison, male CEOs earned $11.4 million, also up 9 percent.

But the number of women in CEO roles has barely budged. Just 6 percent of the top paid CEOs in the U.S. last year were women, according to the Equilar and AP analysis, a slight increase from about 5 percent in 2015 and 2014.

The highest paid woman was Virginia Rometty of International Business Machines Corp., bumping out Yahoo's Marissa Mayer from the top spot.

Rometty earned $32.3 million last year from the technology company, a 63 percent jump from the year before, mainly due to $12.1 million in stock option awards she didn't receive in 2015.

Mayer earned $27.4 million last year, making her the second-highest paid woman. But she may be out of a job after Yahoo Inc. completes the sale of its websites and email services to Verizon Communications Inc. in June. She's not expected to join Verizon, and Yahoo has said Mayer will receive a $23 million severance package if she departs.

Third on the list was Indra Nooyi of PepsiCo Inc., the maker of Mountain Dew soda and Lay's potato chips. She earned $25.2 million, up 13 percent from 2015. She was followed by Mary Barra, the CEO of automaker General Motors Co., who earned $22.4 million.

On the bottom of the list was Susan Story of American Water Works Co., the utility company, who earned $4.1 million.

To calculate pay, Equilar added salary, bonus, perks, stock awards, stock option awards and other types of compensation. Equilar only looked at companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index that filed proxy statements with federal regulators between Jan. 1 and May 1, 2017. And it only included CEOs that have been in their roles for at least two years in order to exclude sign-on bonuses. Of the 346 CEOs in that group, just 21 were women.

The only black woman on the list, Xerox's Ursula Burns, left the CEO role in January after the document management company split in two. Burns, who earned $13.1 million as CEO last year, retired as chairman of Xerox Corp.'s board this week.

Gracia Martore, who earned $8.5 million last year, announced earlier this month that she will retire as CEO of Tegna Inc., the TV station owner and operator. Her replacement is a man.

Experts say companies need to do more to get women into CEO roles.

Janice Ellig, the co-CEO of executive search firm Chadick Ellig, says "unconscious bias" in the workplace is keeping women from getting opportunities that will put them on track to for top roles.

Nation

GOP candidate charged with misdemeanor assault of reporter

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP)— The Republican candidate for Montana's sole congressional seat was charged with misdemeanor assault Wednesday night after witnesses told police Greg Gianforte grabbed a reporter by the neck and slammed him to the ground the night before polls close in the nationally-watched election.

Gallatin County Sheriff's Brian Gootkin made the announcement late Wednesday in a statement posted to the county web site. Gianforte would face a maximum $500 fine or 6 months in jail if convicted. The statement added that the reporter's injuries did not meet the legal definition of felony assault.

Gianforte was in a private office preparing for an interview with Fox News when Jacobs came in without permission, campaign spokesman Shane Scanlon said.

The Fox News crew watched in astonishment as, after Jacobs pressed him on the GOP health care bill, "Gianforte grabbed Jacobs by the neck with both hands and slammed him into the ground behind him," Fox News reporter Alicia Acuna wrote in an article . She added that Gianforte then began to punch Jacobs.

In an audio recording posted by the Guardian, the reporter asks the congressional candidate about the GOP's health care bill, which was just evaluated hours earlier by the Congressional Budget Office.

"We'll talk to you about that later," Gianforte says on the recording, referring Jacobs to a spokesman.

When Jacobs says that there won't be time, Gianforte says "Just--" and there is a crashing sound. Gianforte yells, "The last guy who came here did the same thing," and a shaken-sounded Jacobs tells the candidate he just body-slammed him.

"Get the hell out of here," Gianforte says.

AP

Republican candidate for Montana's only U.S. House seat, Greg Gianforte, sits in a vehicle near a Discovery Drive building Wednesday, May 24, 2017, in Bozeman, Mont.

Wisconsin seeks to be first to drug test Medicaid applicants

MADISON, Wis. (AP)— Gov. Scott Walker wants to make Wisconsin the first state in the country to require childless adults applying for Medicaid to undergo drug screening, a move that could serve as a national model.

Walker's plan, which needs federal approval, comes as he prepares to run for a third term next year. Wisconsin's Republican-controlled Legislature approved Walker's request for a waiver to do the drug tests two years ago, but is now digging into the details of how it would actually work.

The Legislature's budget-writing Joint Finance Committee was to review a wide range of Walker's welfare reform proposals Thursday, including imposing a new work requirement on childless adult Medicaid recipients and parents who receive food stamps. The committee could vote to give the Legislature more oversight of the programs or make changes to what Walker wants.

Walker has talked for years about drug testing Medicaid and food stamp recipients, touting it as a way to make welfare programs a "trampoline, not a hammock" to get people back into the workforce.

A requirement that childless adults receiving food stamps be screened for drugs was passed in the prior state budget, but it's yet to take effect pending federal approval. Former President Barack Obama's administration warned Wisconsin at the time the requirement was passed that it was barred under federal law.

But Walker's drug-testing and work-requirement plans to take effect in 2019 would be more likely to get approval from Republican President Donald Trump's administration. The drug test requirement was also widely expected to be challenged in court.

"I do think that there's a good chance Wisconsin would be the first state to get such a waiver and it could indeed set a trend," said Jon Peacock, research director of the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for a limited term position of:

DATA SYSTEMS ANALYST

Announcement # JVA17-014
Office of the Clerk of Court
Superior Court
SAIPAN

DUTIES: This position is under the general supervision of the Presiding Judge and the direct supervision of the Clerk of Court or his/her designee. The employee performs work in accordance with established policies, practices, and court procedures. The following are required duties:

- Performs the full range of data entry and database contents review for pre- and post-judgment services in civil, criminal, traffic, small claims, and family court dockets;
- Compiles data from various sources including court databases, periodic reports, surveys, and performance tool reviews from the Judges' chambers, Family Court Division, Administrative Support Units, the Marshal Service Division, and the Offices of the Clerks of Court and Adult Probation Supervision;
- Reviews data compilation reports and trends and assists with the determination of analysis and interpretation outcomes;
- Performs credibility reviews to assess data quality, verification and update, including review of standard data audit components like computer entry processes, user practices, reporting templates, screen formats, and initial source verification documents;
- Identifies, interprets, and reports patterns and trends from data collection and/or audits;
- Responds to general inquiries regarding data verification and reporting for the Superior Court and assist with data integration processes with affected divisions or authorized agencies;
- Coordinates and assists the Clerk of Court with special projects requiring court statistics or reports;
- Adheres to and complies with all promulgated policies, standards, and codes of ethical conduct; and
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: The Data Systems Analyst should have an associate's degree from an accredited U.S. university or college or 2 years of equivalent experience. The incumbent must also have at least four (4) years experience in the legal or administrative field. Successful candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI.

COMPENSATION AND TENURE: This is an ungraded position appointed and serves at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge. The salary will be $25,000 annually.

INTERESTED PERSONS may obtain application forms at OPM offices in the CNMI, the Judiciary Administrative Office at the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices on Tinian and Rota. Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

Human Resources
Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice
P.O. Box 502165
Saipan, MP 96950
Tel. (670)236-9818
Fax. (670) 236-9702

This job announcement will remain open until filled. Also, this job announcement can be seen and a printable copy of the application downloaded at http://www.justice.gov.mp.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the State Rehabilitation Council will hold its FY 2017 Second General Membership Meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at the Pacific Islands Club-Charley's Cabaret (Saipan) from 12:00 pm – 2:00 p.m. Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Review and Adoption of Agenda of June 1, 2017
IV. Review and Adoption of FY 2017 First General Membership Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2016
V. Reports
- **a.** SRC Chairperson
- **b.** Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Committee Chairperson
- **c.** Employment and Marketing Committee Chairperson
- **d.** Transition and Assistive Technology Committee Chairperson
- **e.** Transportation, Housing, and Advocacy Committee Chairperson
- **f.** OVR Director

VI. Action Items
- **a.** Ratification/Approval of FY 2017 SRC Resource Plan as Amended on 3/28/17
- **b.** Ratification/Approval of Revised SRC By-Laws of 2008

VII. Old Business
- **a.** Take Your Legislator to Work Final Report

VIII. New Business
- **a.** Member Training: "What Does OVR Do?"
- **b.** National Technical Assistance Center on Transition Conference Report
- **c.** Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment

IX. Consumer Forum
X. Miscellaneous/Announcements
XI. Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend the meeting but require accommodation such as large print or sign language interpreter, are asked to call Elvira Seman at 322-6537/38 (voice) or 322-6449 (TTY) 5 days before the meeting.

/s/ ELIZABETH S. ADA, *Chairperson*

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Asia

Top militant Hapilon often has eluded PH authorities

Philippine security forces are battling Muslim militants who have laid siege to a city in the volatile southern region of Mindanao. The upheaval began after troops raided a hideout in search of Isnilon Hapilon, one of Asia's top militant leaders. Some background on Hapilon:

A HISTORY OF EXTREMISM

Hapilon was purportedly designated leader of the Islamic State group's Southeast Asia branch last year but has long ties to local extremist movements. Born in 1966, the Arabic-speaking Islamic preacher with an engineering degree from the University of the Philippines was once commander of the Moro National Liberation Front, an Islamic separatist group. He later ascended the ranks of Abu Sayyaf to become its second in command. Abu Sayyaf, a notoriously violent Muslim militant group founded in the 1990s, is known for carrying out kidnappings and beheadings of Filipinos and foreigners, as well as bombings, assassinations and armed attacks.

MOST WANTED TERRORIST
ISNILON TOTONI HAPILON
Conspiracy to Commit Hostage Taking Resulting in Death; Hostage Taking; Murder of a United States National Outside the United States; Hostage Taking Resulting in Death; Conspiracy to Use and Carry a Firearm During a Crime of Violence; Using and Carrying a Firearm During a Crime of Violence; Aiding and Abetting and Causing an Act to be Done

AP

This undated image provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) shows a wanted poster for Isnilon Hapilon, who was purportedly designated leader of the Islamic State group's Southeast Asia branch in 2016 but has long ties to local extremist movements. Hapilon gained notoriety beyond the Philippines when he allegedly helped Abu Sayyaf kidnap 20 hostages from a Filipino resort in 2001.

MOST WANTED MILITANT

Hapilon gained notoriety beyond the Philippines when he allegedly helped Abu Sayyaf kidnap 20 hostages from a Filipino resort in 2001. The victims included three U.S. citizens, one of whom eventually was beheaded. In 2002, the U.S. Department of Justice indicted Hapilon over the attack. He is included on the department's "Most Wanted Terrorist" list, with a $5 million reward for information leading to his capture.

ISLAMIC STATE IN ASIA

In 2014, Hapilon appeared in a video beside two masked men pledging allegiance to the Islamic State group, which was then gaining ground in Iraq and Syria. He went on to organize an alliance in the Philippines called Dawlatul Islam Wilayatul Mashriq, which is now believed to include at least 10 small militant groups including some Abu Sayyaf factions. Last year, he was reportedly chosen to lead the Islamic State group branch in Southeast Asia.

AN ELUSIVE TARGET

The Philippine military has targeted Hapilon repeatedly with large-scale military operations, and has come close to killing him. But the militant leader remains elusive. In 2008, troops bombarded an Abu Sayyaf camp near Jolo island with artillery and mortar fire, reportedly wounding Hapilon in the hand. He was also reportedly wounded in another operation in 2013. The latest close call came in January, when the military attacked militants with ground troops and airstrikes, dropping 500-pound (225-kilogram) bombs from military jets. The operation left 15 militants dead, and the army said Hapilon was seriously wounded in the arm. Losing blood, he was placed on a makeshift stretcher, escaping into a mountainous region of Butig in southern Lanao del Sur province. ***(AP)***

ASIAN BRIEFS

N. Korea calls S. Korea's border firing reckless provocation

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea has called South Korea's recent firing of warning shots at the border a "reckless military provocation" aimed at promoting anti-Pyongyang sentiments and maintaining a confrontation on the peninsula. South Korea fired warning shots Tuesday after detecting an object flying across the border from North Korea. Seoul later said the object was probably a balloon carrying Pyongyang's propaganda leaflets. The North's General Staff on Thursday accused Seoul of fabricating the incident, saying South Korean soldiers fired 450 rounds of shots at a flock of birds. It warned in the statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency that North Korea will closely watch how South Korea's "confrontation hysteria" would develop. The Koreas face off across the world's most heavily armed border, and their militaries occasionally clash.

Trump said to praise 'great job' in PH drug fight

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump praised the Philippines' president for an "unbelievable job" in a fight against illegal drugs that has left thousands dead and drawn condemnation from American lawmakers, according to a leaked transcript of their telephone conversation last month. Trump's discussion with Rodrigo Duterte is likely to reinforce the impression that Trump is sidelining human rights concerns in his foreign policy. Trump has met with several authoritarian leaders since taking office in January, offering few critiques of their records on democracy, the rule of law and protecting essential freedoms. The transcript of the April 29 call was first posted by The Washington Post. It is marked confidential and is contained under a cover sheet from the Philippine Foreign Ministry. Neither the Philippine government nor the White House verified the transcript, but they didn't dispute its contents either. It also shows the leaders discussing the North Korean threat, with each referring to the North's ruler, Kim Jong Un, as a "madman." In an unusual disclosure of the movements of U.S. military assets, Trump revealed the U.S. had two nuclear submarines in the region. He said the United States didn't want to use them. Democratic lawmakers criticized Trump for his reported comments.

DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of May 25, 2017

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Norman Tenorio dba M/V Super Emerald, LLC.	5/9/2017 SPI-2017-X-057	Drydock	Tanapag, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved-5/11/2017
2. Xtreme Marine Corporation	4/27/2017 SLRm-2000-X-111	Marine Sports Banana Boat Operation	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved-5/12/2017
3. Le Grad Bleu dba Make Sure Diving	5/11/2017 SLRm-2013-X-040	Marine Sports Scuba Operation	Gualo Rai, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved-5/12/2017
4. Phoenix Services Inc. dba Micronesian Environmental Services	5/8/2017 SPILRSW-2017-X-056	Four Emergency Vessel Anchoring Sites	Saipan Harbor	Multiple APCs	Approved-5/25/2017
5. Hayden Corporation Inc.	5/10/2017 SWm-2017-X-058	Staging 4 Cross-Island Road Phase III	Capitol Hill, Saipan	Wetlands & Mangroves	Approved-5/16/2017
6. GPPC Marine LLC	5/12/2017 SPI-2017-X-059	Drydock Lower Base, Saipan	Seaplane Dock,	Ports & Industrial	Approved-5/16/2017
7. Saipan LauLau Development, Inc.	5/16/2017 SMS-2017-X-060	Transfer of Interest	Kagman, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review
8. Department of Public Works	5/18/2017 SPIm-2017-X-061	Construction of Bus Shelter	Garapan, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved-5/22/2017
9. Mark A. Santos dba Mac's Marine	5/18/2017 SLRm-2011-X-027	Marine Sports Sea Walker Operation	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved-5/19/2017
10. Time Creation Corporation dba TTC – Diving	5/22/2017 SLR-2017-X-062	In-water maintenance	Outer Cove Marina	Lagoon & Reef	Approved-5/24/2017
11. Commonwealth Utilities Corporation	5/23/2017 SSWPI-2017-X-063	Isa Drive Sewer Extension, Part B	Lower Base, Saipan	Multiple APCs	Approved-5/24/2017
12. Sydney Takahashi dba Fishguys SCUBA & Charter	5/24/2017 SLR-2017-X-064	Marine Sports SCUBA Operation	Susupe, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
13. Blanco, LLC dba Scuba Element	5/24/2017 T/SLRm-2009-X-042	Marine Sports SCUBA Operation	Chalan Kanoa, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
14. Tai Su International Development Inc. dba Beach Road Ocean View Resort Complex	9/12/2016 SMS-2016-X-076	Major Siting of mobile home and commercial development	Chalan Laulau, Saipan	Major Siting	Approved with conditions-5/16/2017

§15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulation requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB17-BECQ/DCRM-156

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 20, 2017 TIME: 11:00 A.M.

"BOAT CHARTER AND ASSESSMENT SUPPORT FOR SITE VISIT TO PAGAN, CNMI FOR THE BECQ – DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT"

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/S/ FRANK M. RABAULIMAN
ADMINISTRATOR, BECQ

/S/ HERMAN SABLAN
DIRECTOR, PROC. & SUPPLY

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB17-BECQ/DCRM-155

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 20, 2017 TIME: 10:30 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF TWO (2) CLASS "I" VEHICLES, ONE (1) PICK-UP TRUCK 4 DOORS – CREW CAB AND ONE (1) PICK-UP TRUCK 4 DOORS – LONG BED FOR THE BECQ – DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT"

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World

Investigators explore bomber's links to larger network

LONDON (AP)—British investigators are hunting for potential conspirators linked to the bombing that killed 22 people in a search that is exploring the possibility that the same cell linked to the Paris and Brussels terror attacks was also to blame for the Manchester Arena attack, two officials familiar with the investigation said Wednesday.

Investigators were also assessing whether Salman Abedi, the suspected bomber in the attack Monday on a pop concert in Manchester, may have been connected to known militants in the northern English city. Abedi, a 22-year-old British citizen born to Libyan parents, died in the attack.

Abedi's father, Ramadan Abedi, was allegedly a member of the al-Qaida-backed Libyan Islamic Fighting group in the 1990s, according to a former Libyan security official, Abdel-Basit Haroun. The elder Abedi denied that he was part of the militant group and told The Associated Press that his son was not involved in the concert bombing and had no connection to militants.

"We don't believe in killing innocents. This is not us," the 51-year-old Abedi said in a telephone interview from Tripoli.

He said he spoke to his son five days ago and he was getting ready for a religious pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. He said his son visited Libya a month and a half ago and was planning to return to Libya to spend the holy month of Ramadan with the family. He also denied his son had spent time in Syria or fought with the Islamic State group, which claimed responsibility for the concert bombing.

"Last time I spoke to him, he sounded normal. There was nothing worrying at all until ... I heard the news that they are suspecting he was the bomber," the elder Abedi said.

He confirmed that another son, Ismail, 23, was arrested Tuesday in Manchester. A third son, 18-year-old Hashim, was arrested in Tripoli late last night, according to a Libyan government spokesman, Ahmed bin Salem. The elder Abedi was arrested shortly after speaking to the AP, Salem said.

The anti-terror force that took Hashim Abedi into custody said that the teenager had confessed that both he and his brother were members of the Islamic State group and that he "knew all the details" of the Manchester attack plot.

Ramadan Abedi fled Tripoli in 1993 after Moammar Gadhafi's security authorities issued an arrest warrant. He spent 25 years in Britain before returning to Libya in 2011 after Gadhafi was ousted and killed in the country's civil war. He is now a manager of the Central Security force in Tripoli.

The Abedi family has close ties to the family of al-Qaida veteran Abu Anas al-Libi, who was snatched by U.S. special forces off a Tripoli street in 2013 for alleged involvement in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa, and died in U.S. custody in 2015. Al-Libi's wife told the AP that she went to college in Tripoli with the elder Abedi's wife and that the two women also lived together in the U.K. before they returned t Libya.

British police said Wednesday they had not yet found the bomb maker in the Manchester Arena attack, indicating Salman Abedi was part of a larger cell.

"It's very clear this is a network we are investigating," Chief Constable Ian Hopkins said.

Trump to meet with anxious NATO and EU leaders

BRUSSELS (AP)—Visiting a city he once called a "hellhole" to meet with the leaders of an alliance he threatened to abandon, President Donald Trump will be in the heart of Europe on Thursday to address a continent still reeling from his election and anxious about his support.

Trump is slated to attend his first meeting of NATO, the decades-long partnership that has become intrinsic to safeguarding the West but has been rattled by the new president's wavering on honoring its bonds. Trump has mused about pulling out of the pact because he believed other countries were not paying their fair share and he has so far refused to commit to abiding by Article 5, in which member nations vow to come to each other's defense. He also is slated to meet with the heads of European Union institutions after having publicly cheered for the dissolution of the body when the United Kingdom voted to leave the EU last summer.

But the European capitals, including NATO's home in Brussels, that have been shaken by Trump's doubts may soon find a degree of reassurance. The president has recently shifted gears and has praised NATO's necessity while Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said Wednesday that "of course" the United States supports Article 5, though Trump still wants other nations to meet their obligation to spend 2 percent of their gross domestic product on defense.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB17-CCC-152

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 20, 2017 TIME: 9:00 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF TWO (2) NETWORK SERVERS FOR COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION"

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/S/ JUAN M. SABLAN
CHAIRMAN, COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB17-COTA/FTA-148

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 19, 2017 TIME: 10:30 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF TWO (2) MEDIUM-DUTY LOW FLOOR ADA ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT BUS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OF TRANSIT AUTHORITY"

THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER **MAY 19, 2017** AT COTA , OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, 2ND FLOOR SUITE 216 MARIANA BUSINESS PLAZA, NAURU LOOP, SUSUPE, SAIPAN.

THIS IS FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH FTA FEDERAL CONTRACT CLAUSES AS APPLICABLE.

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PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB17-DPS-149

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 8, 2017 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF EIGHT (8) CLASS "I" VEHICLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY"

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/S/ ROBERT A. GUERRERO
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Board Meeting is scheduled on **Friday, June 2, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan.** The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Adoption of Agenda
- d. Adoption of Minutes
  - i. Special Board Meeting – April 5, 2017

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- a. Divisional Updates

IV. OLD BUSINESS
- a. FY 2018 Budget
- b. 2017-2018 QAP Adoption
- c. Procurement Policy Adoption
- d. Travel Policy
- e. USDA RD Update
- f. Garapan Annex Update

V. NEW BUSINESS
- a. HOME Maximum Loan Amount
- b. HOME Supplemental Funding
- c. HFLP Loans for Review and Approval
- d. Proposed Section 18 Amendments for Section 8 Admin Plan

VI. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/
IGNACIO L. PEREZ
Chairman of the Board

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CNMI Government

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP NO: CPA-RFP-010-17
SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 09, 2017 TIME: 2:00 P.M.

SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT INTERIOR PLANTS RENTAL, SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE

THE PROPOSAL PACKAGE MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA), 2ND FLOOR, ARRIVAL BUILDING, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAIPAN, MP 96950, DURING WORKING WORKS BEGINNING MAY, 19, 2017.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT MUST BE IN WRITING AND ADDRESS TO THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY EITHER BY FACSIMILE AT 234-5962 OR EMAIL: atudela@cpa.gov.mp NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M., JUNE 02, 2017.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (Technology Room) in Susupe, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

I. PRELIMINARIES:
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of Minutes: May 23, 2017

II. REPORTS:
- A. Report by the Chairman
- B. Report by the Executive Director

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. OLD BUSINESS:
- A. Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC's ("IPI") Request to Allow Live Casino Gaming at the Imperial Pacific Resort & Hotel ("IPR"), in Garapan, Saipan.

V. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. IPI's request to allow Automated Teller Machines (ATM) at IPR Casino Floor

VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
- A. Report by the Legal Counsel
- B. DPAC - Updates
- C. IPI Financial Matters

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more if necessary.

Juan M. Sablan
Chairman

Science & Technology

Airlines have rules about taking photos, video on planes

DALLAS (AP)—Without the shocking video, it's unlikely that the world would have learned or cared about the violent manhandling of a 69-year-old man on a plane last month.

The outrage on social media, the mea culpa by an airline CEO, the promise to treat customers better—none of it would have happened.

The passengers who shot those videos on a United Express plane in Chicago violated United's policy on photography. By the letter of the airline's law, they too could have been ordered off the plane.

Under United's policy, customers can take pictures or videos with small cameras or cellphones "provided that the purpose is capturing personal events." Filming or photographing other customers or airline employees without their consent is prohibited. American, Delta and Southwest have similar policies.

Passengers are accustomed to using their cellphones to take photos and videos that they can upload to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. Airline rules on photography are sporadically enforced, but passengers should read them in the in-flight magazines because there can be consequences.

This month, a United ticket agent ordered a passenger's reservation canceled as he filmed her while disputing a $300 baggage fee in the New Orleans airport. After Navang Oza posted his video online, United apologized, saying that the video "does not reflect the positive customer experience we strive to offer."

In April, a JetBlue Airways crew called airport police to meet a man who they said continued to record a selfie video during a security-sensitive time in flight, while the cockpit door was opened. Michael Nissensohn insists that he wasn't recording the procedure.

"I told them there is no rule against talking a selfie on a plane," Nissensohn says. He says he was ordered off the plane and held up at LaGuardia airport in New York for more than an hour before being let go without charges. JetBlue declined to comment on the incident. A spokesman says the airline doesn't publish its photography policy for security reasons.

With airline customer service in decline, videotaping is the only way that passengers can make sure they are treated fairly, says Gary Leff, a travel blogger who has criticized the airlines over the issue.

"The TSA allows more photography at the checkpoint than the airlines allow on board their planes," he says.

The Transportation Security Administration says that photography at checkpoints is fine if people don't take images of monitors or interfere with screeners. Travel bloggers say, however, that people have had run-ins with TSA officers, and you should expect to be questioned if you snap more than a casual photo of a companion.

Lawyers who specialize in First Amendment or travel law say airlines generally cannot limit photography or video recording in an airport because it is a public space. But airlines have more power on planes because as private parties they are not bound by the First Amendment.

"They are within their rights to establish these rules, they are within their rights to throw you off the aircraft if you continue filming," says Joseph Larsen, a media-law attorney in Houston.

However, there is no law against taking photos or video on an airplane, and it is unlikely that anyone would face legal jeopardy for taking pictures of an altercation on a plane or their own peaceful dispute with an airline employee, Larsen says.

TECH Q&A:

Need cash? Facebook expands personal fundraising tools

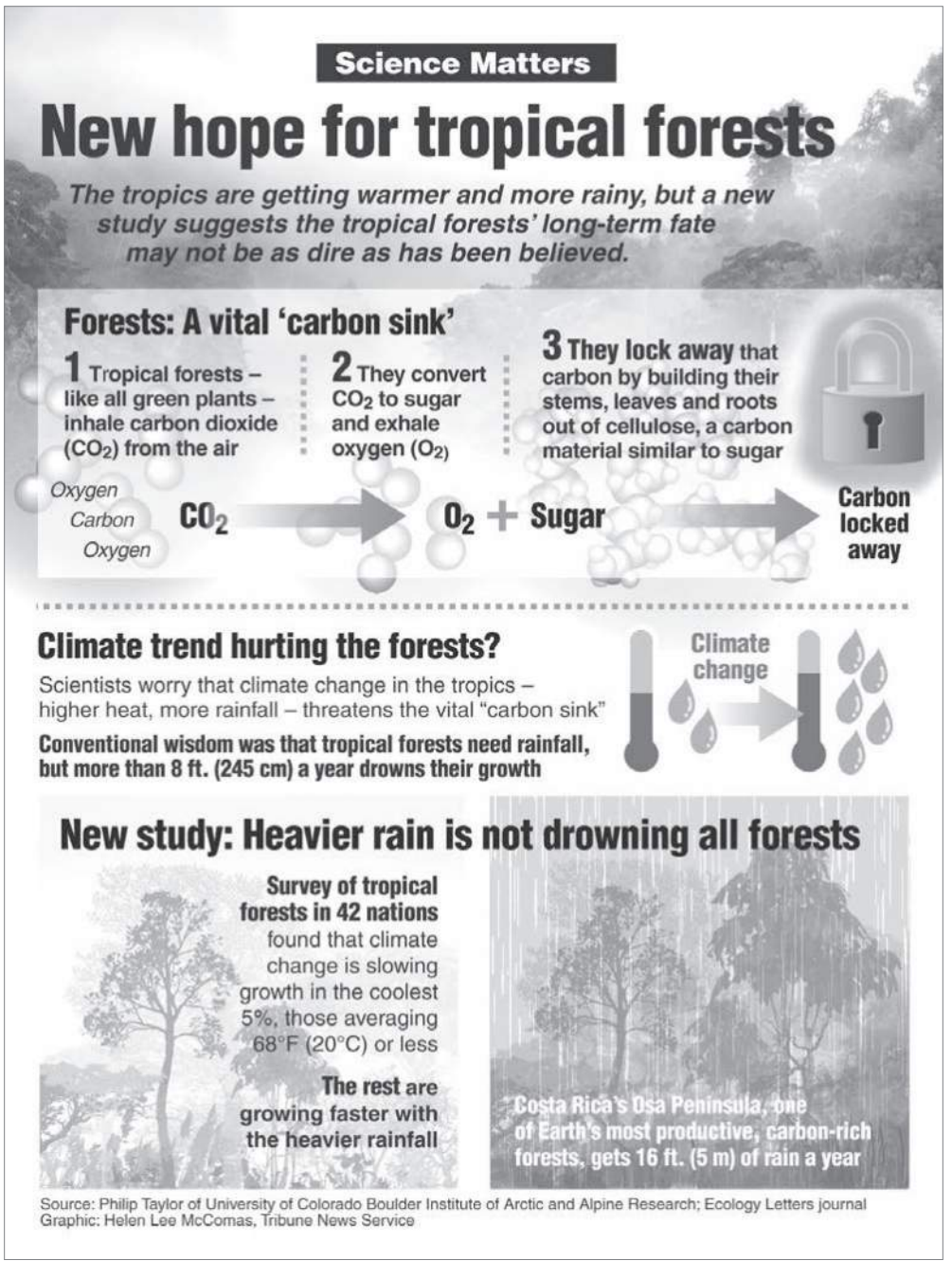
NEW YORK (AP)—Facebook is expanding its fundraising tools that let users ask friends and strangers to give them money to help pay for education, medical or other expenses. The company has been testing the tool, which is similar to online fundraising services such as GoFundMe, since March. With the latest update unveiled Wednesday, it has added sports and community fundraisers as options. It's also possible to raise money for medical expenses for pets, crisis relief, funerals, and a slew of other categories. To start a fundraiser, scroll down the "menu" icon on mobile until you get to the "fundraisers" category. On desktop, visit facebook.com/fundraisers . Facebook says it will review all fundraisers within 24 hours. There is a fee of 6.9 percent of the total amount raised plus 30 cents for payment processing, vetting and security.

House OKs bill making nude photo sharing in military a crime

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House has unanimously approved legislation that makes it a crime for U.S. service members to distribute intimate photos or videos of people without first getting their consent. The measure is a direct response to a nude-photo sharing scandal that has rocked the Marine Corps. Lawmakers voted 418-0 to pass the bill Wednesday. The scandal came to light after it was discovered that sexually explicit photos of female and male Marines were being shared on a secret Facebook page. Rep. Martha McSally of Arizona, the bill's sponsor, says the "Neanderthals" who posted the photos aren't emblematic of the vast majority of U.S. troops. But she says the idea that any one in uniform thinks it's acceptable to upload and comment on nude photos is a problem that must be fixed.

Google helps advertisers track spending in physical stores

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Google already monitors online shopping—and now it's keeping an eye on physical stores to try to sell more digital advertising. The internet company said Tuesday that a new tool will track how much money people spend in merchants' brick-and-mortar stores after clicking on their digital ads. The analysis will be done by matching the combined ad clicks of people who are logged into Google services with their collective purchases on credit and debit cards. Google says it won't be able to examine the specific items purchased or how much a specific individual spent. But even aggregated data can sometimes be converted back to data that can identify individuals, said Larry Ponemon, chairman of the Ponemon Institute privacy research firm.


Science Matters
New hope for tropical forests
The tropics are getting warmer and more rainy, but a new study suggests the tropical forests' long-term fate may not be as dire as has been believed.
Forests: A vital 'carbon sink'
1 Tropical forests – like all green plants – inhale carbon dioxide (CO_2) from the air
2 They convert CO_2 to sugar and exhale oxygen (O_2)
3 They lock away that carbon by building their stems, leaves and roots out of cellulose, a carbon material similar to sugar
Oxygen
Carbon
Oxygen
CO_2
O_2 + Sugar
Carbon locked away
Climate trend hurting the forests?
Scientists worry that climate change in the tropics – higher heat, more rainfall – threatens the vital "carbon sink"
Conventional wisdom was that tropical forests need rainfall, but more than 8 ft. (245 cm) a year drowns their growth
Climate change
New study: Heavier rain is not drowning all forests
Survey of tropical forests in 42 nations found that climate change is slowing growth in the coolest 5%, those averaging 68°F (20°C) or less
The rest are growing faster with the heavier rainfall
Costa Rica's Osa Peninsula, one of Earth's most productive, carbon-rich forests, gets 16 ft. (5 m) of rain a year
Source: Philip Taylor of University of Colorado Boulder Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research; Ecology Letters journal
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TECH Q&A: Streaming TV and the need for speed

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: I'm thinking about dropping cable TV but keeping cable internet service for streaming TV.

Right now, the speed of my Comcast Xfinity X1 Triple Play internet service is 87 megabits.

That's enough to support a mesh Wi-Fi system, in which three Eero Wi-Fi devices create a single wireless network throughout my home, as well as three wired connections for a VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) phone, an alarm system and a security camera DVR.

The Wi-Fi network is now used by my laptop PC and my smartphone, but I'd like to add two TVs that would simultaneously stream programs from Netflix or Sling TV.

Will my present internet speed be enough to handle all that?—Jim VanZant, South Bend, Ind.

A: In theory, you have enough internet capacity to handle all those devices. But in practice, you may not. Here are the main issues:

1) Your internet speed is advertised at 75 megabits, and that's what you should plan on having. Because of the way Comcast designed its system, your connection may sometimes surge up to 90 megabits, but you can't count on that.

2) Your mesh Wi-Fi network is unlikely to deliver that 75 megabits throughout your home. Radio signaling back and forth between the three Eero units uses up some Wi-Fi capacity. When that's combined with a Wi-Fi slowdown due to the distance between the Eero units, your Wi-Fi speed could be reduced by about 80 percent in some parts of the house. That would leave you with about 15 megabits of data capacity — or less if your wired devices are also using the internet. (See a review of the Eero mesh network at tinyurl.com/glogu2a).

3) Streaming TV uses a lot of internet capacity. Netflix says that streaming two standard definition TV signals at once requires 6 megabits of internet speed, streaming two high-definition signals requires 10 megabits and streaming two ultrahigh definition signals requires 50 megabits.

So, you may not have enough internet speed for all your Wi-Fi and wired gadgets.

There are several possible solutions:

- Opt for a lower streaming TV picture quality to conserve internet capacity.
- Reduce the load on your Wi-Fi by using wired connections for the TVs or for the Eero units.
- Buy a faster internet connection.

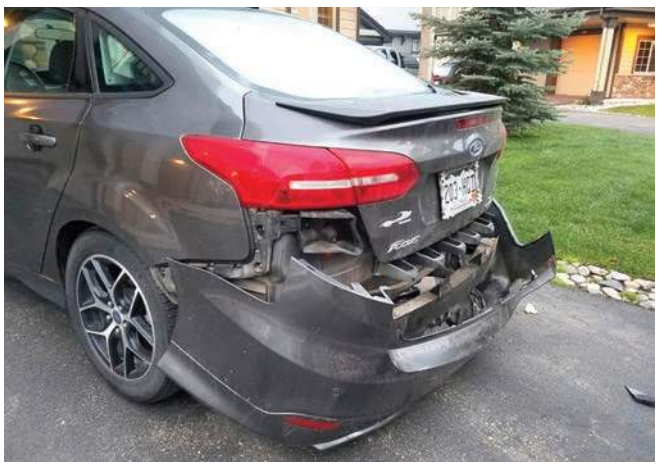
But before you make any changes, try simultaneously streaming video to the two TVs over your existing Wi-Fi network. You will soon know whether there's a problem.

Q: We had to reboot our Wi-Fi network, which we use for wireless printing. Afterward, our three Windows 10 PCs indicated that our Canon Pixma MG2550 printer was offline, even though it wasn't. The printer works OK when connected to a PC by cable. We downloaded new printer driver software, but it didn't help. What can we do?—Bruce Falink, Garrison, Minn.

A: Canon suggests several potential solutions, such as adjusting computer-to-printer settings or rebooting the computer and printer Wi-Fi connections (see tinyurl.com/m8ruj2j).

Off The Wall

Bear trying to get at doughnuts tears off Colorado car bumper



This Monday, May 22, 2017, photo shows a damaged delivery vehicle in Steamboat Springs, Colo. AP

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—A bear with a sweet tooth ripped off the bumper of a car used to deliver doughnuts in Colorado then tried to claw its way through the trunk to get inside.

Moose Watch Cafe owner Kim Robertson said she and her husband discovered the bumper-less car after they awoke Monday in Steamboat Springs.

They initially thought it had been struck by another vehicle. Then they saw the telltale claw and paw marks.

"That car just constantly smells like a rolling bakery," she said. "It's like Winnie the Pooh with honey."

There were no doughnuts at the time in the Ford Focus, but there were some sweet-smelling aprons.

After ripping of the bumper, the bear made a valiant attempt at clawing away the insulation in the trunk to get at the sweet smell inside, Robertson said.

Police officer John McCartin told The Steamboat Pilot & Today newspaper that he smelled doughnuts while standing outside the damaged vehicle.

"I guess if anyone is an expert about this, it's us," he joked.

Bears are a common sight in the Colorado ski town. Robertson said she sees several bears a year.

In honor of the bear that snatched the bumper, the Moose Watch Cafe is offering an appropriate treat: bear claws.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Dog stuck on 400-foot cliff rescued by cop using ropes

MOUNT MORRIS, N.Y. (AP)—A dog stuck about halfway down a 400-foot cliff in a New York gorge has been rescued by a police officer who had to use ropes to reach the stranded canine. The state parks office says visitors to Letchworth State Park reported hearing a dog barking in the area of the Genesee River gorge known as the Hogsback Overlook, about 30 miles (48 kilometers) southwest of Rochester. State Park Police Sgt. Ryan Clancy was lowered down by ropes Monday and hauled back up with the dog named Skippy, who had gone missing in the park two days earlier. The 6-year-old hunting hound-border collie mix was returned to his owner, who lives near the park.

Large inflatable obstacle course stolen in Phoenix burglary

PHOENIX (AP)—Phoenix police are investigating the theft of a large multicolored inflatable obstacle course. Police say an open-topped red cargo trailer and the eight-piece obstacle course were stolen from a commercial yard in southwest Phoenix on May 7 or May 8. Police said in a statement Wednesday that the obstacle course is 180 feet (55 meters) long and 25 feet (8 meters) wide when inflated.

It's valued at $35,000.

Missing earring halts Philadelphia TV weather forecast

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A Philadelphia meteorologist has a TV news anchor to thank for finding an earring that fell off during her live forecast. In a video posted on Cecily Tynan's social media accounts , she can be seen giving the details for Memorial Day weekend weather when her earring pops off. Moments later, WPVI-TV anchor Jim Gardner walks behind her, hunched over, looking for the earring as he blocks the graphic for the seven-day forecast. He finds the earring and hands it over to a laughing Tynan, who says the whole scene was her "favorite moment ever on Action News." It was a rare silly moment Gardner, who is celebrating 40 years anchoring the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. broadcasts. He's known for his serious, straightforward delivery.

Unconscious man rode on car's trunk for miles

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—When police pulled over a Tennessee couple and told them a body was lying on the trunk of their car, they thought it was a joke - until they got out to look.

They found an unconscious man who had somehow remained on the trunk for about 14 miles (23 kilometers).

Driver Carl Webb told reporters he had left the Memphis in May barbeque festival before the officer pulled them over Thursday evening.

The officer asked him if he knew there was a person on his trunk, a question that didn't make sense to Webb at first.

"He goes, 'Mister, I'm not messing with you. There is a body on your trunk.' So I got out, we walked around and sure enough there he was, still hanging on, still unconscious, just laying there."

Webb says there's a slight lip on the trunk that likely saved the man's life.

Memphis police say in a statement that Officer Benjamin Huff noticed what appeared to be a man on the black Ford Taurus traveling about 65 mph down an expressway and pulled the car over. After alerting the couple he woke the man, who was disoriented and did not remember leaving the festival.

No charges were filed. Police did not explain how the man remained unconscious on the trunk, but credited the officer with possibly saving a life.

"There is no doubt Officer Huff prevented a tragedy that would have resulted in serious bodily injuries or could have easily been fatal," police said.

In Loving Memory of

†Arsenia Dalayoan Hernandez

Lovingly known as **"Senyang"** or **"Sen"**
Born on December 14, 1937 and was called to Eternal rest on
May 11, 2017 in San Diego, CA

In her new life she joins:
Husband: **†Brigido S. Hernandez**
Father: **†Pioquinto Dalayoan**
Mother: **†Balbina R. Dalayoan**
Sisters: **†Eduarda D. Paragas**
†Rebecca D. Lising

Her memory will live forever in the hearts of her:
Children:
Nory D. Hernandez *(Shani Pearl & McKnight, Otto Owen, Krystal Erin, Kayla Kirby, Tyler Matthew)*
Sally H. *& Perry J. Cacdac (Nigel Perry)*
Ramon D. *& Julie A. Hernandez (John Ray & Rheilyns, Jerol & TJ, Jillian Roby & Leo, Michael Jay*
Glenda H. *& Ric S. Mendiola (Ashley, Nicole, Rico Richard & Ryan)*
Cora D. Hernandez *(Cameren Kyle)*

Sister: **Priscilla D. Joven**

She is additional survived by her numerous great grandchildren, brothers and sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.
Funeral Services will be held on Monday, May 29, 2017.
Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora Dela Paz to Kristo Rai Church at 7:30am.

Responso service will be at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:15am.
Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 followed by interment service at Sanctuario Paz Memorial Gardens in Kagman, Saipan, where she will be at a peaceful rest.

Please Join Us In Prayers

Children and Families

Life & Style

Grande suspends world tour, cancels some Euro stops

NEW YORK (AP)—Ariana Grande suspended her Dangerous Woman world tour and canceled several European shows Wednesday due to the deadly bombing at her concert in Manchester, England.

Shows Thursday and Friday in London were canceled, along with concerts through June 5 in Belgium, Poland, Germany and Switzerland. Refunds will be granted, the pop star's managers said in a statement. The tour was suspended to "further assess the situation and pay our proper respects" to the 22 dead and dozens injured in Monday's suicide attack in the northern England town.

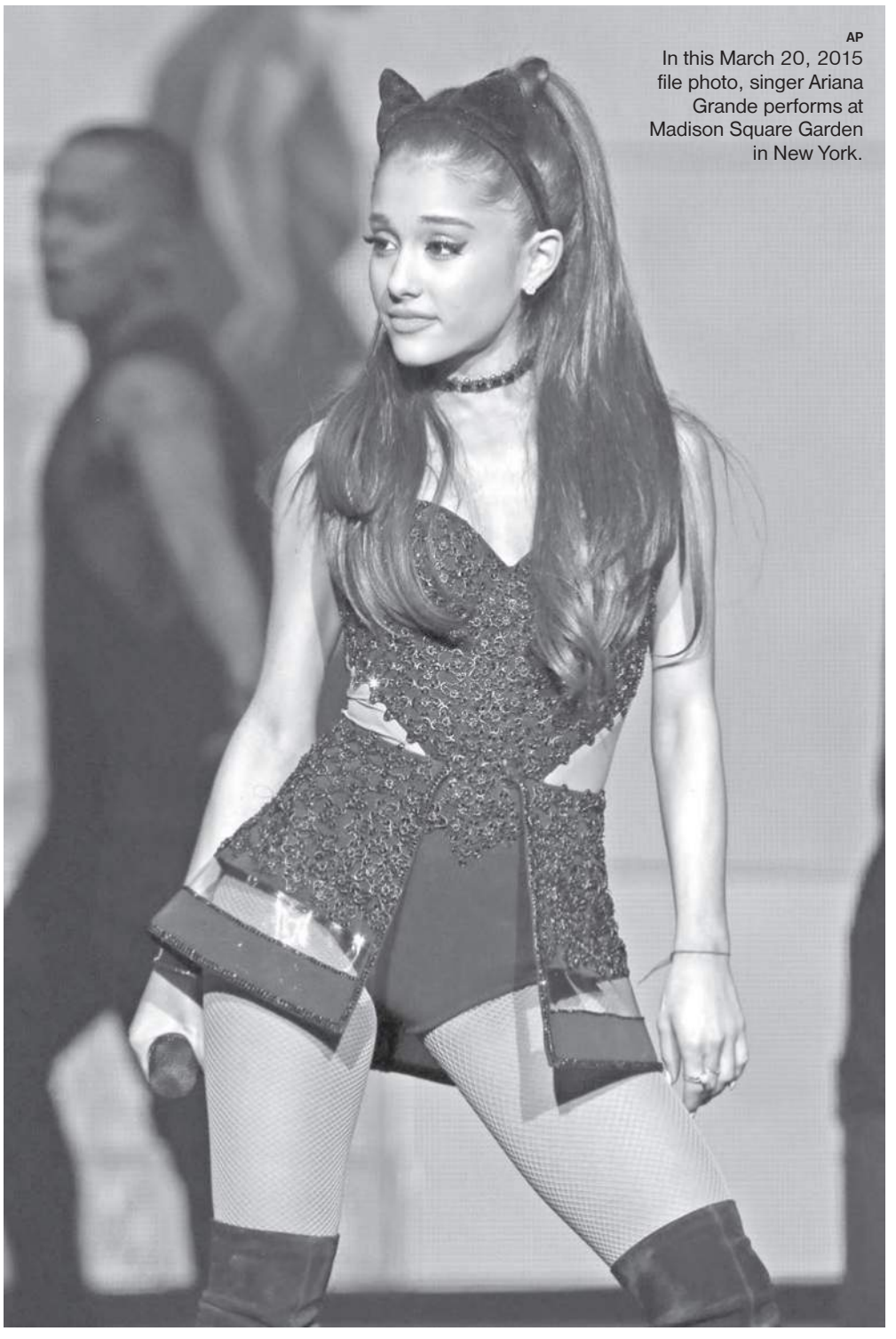
Grande's tour is to pick up June 7 in Paris, followed by several more countries in Europe before moving on to Latin America, Asia and elsewhere.

"We ask at this time that we all continue to support the city of Manchester and all those families affected by this cowardice and senseless act of violence. Our way of life has once again been threatened but we will overcome this together," the statement said.

Grande, who reportedly is in Boca Raton, Florida, with her family, has kept a low profile since the blast. An 8-year-old girl was among the dead. Grande took to Twitter afterward to say she was "broken" and "i don't have words."

The tour also features rapper BIA, whose real name is Bianca Landrau, and singer Victoria Monet.

Some bands—including Blondie and Take That—canceled shows after the blast but representatives for several music acts—including Celine Dion, Shawn Mendes, Guns N' Roses and Phil Collins—said they will honor their European dates this summer.



AP
In this March 20, 2015 file photo, singer Ariana Grande performs at Madison Square Garden in New York.

London premiere of 'Wonder Woman' is canceled after attack

LONDON (AP)—The glitzy, star-filled London premiere of "Wonder Woman" has been scrapped following the terror attack in Manchester.

Stars Gal Gadot, Chris Pine and Robin Wright had been scheduled to walk a red carpet on May 31 to help welcome the super hero film to Europe. Warner Bros said in a statement Wednesday that the movie's junket and premiere were off "in light of the current situation."

The film is released worldwide on June 2.

"Wonder Woman" is the latest event canceled following the death of 22 people at an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester on Monday. Bands like Blondie and Take That cancelled shows in the immediate aftermath. Grande's concerts through June 5 have been canceled.

Young Nebraska priests' chants become best-selling album

DENTON, Neb. (AP)—At the sound of a tap, dozens of young men clad in black cassocks and white surplices rise from kneeling positions to watch two of their brother priests begin a chant.

With a gentle wave of the Rev. Zachary Akers' arm, the other priests pick up the song. Their voices float as one to the arched chapel ceiling, filling the small church with resonant, almost haunting echoes.

The ancient Latin wouldn't have felt out of place in a European monastery hundreds of years ago. But this seminary is less than 20 years old and sits on a hill southwest of Lincoln, Nebraska, surrounded by fields newly planted with corn and soybeans.

The priests are members of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, a Catholic order formed in 1988 that focuses on traditional, pre-Vatican II liturgy and sung prayers. They come from around the country and the world, many drawn to Our Lady of Guadalupe seminary in the tiny village of Denton by the holy power they feel in Gregorian chant.

And since May 12, they've had the best-selling classical album on Amazon and one of the top classical albums on iTunes.

The seminary never expected to have a hit album, said the Rev. Gerard Saguto, the order's North American superior.

"We just wanted to put something out there to get people to think more about eternity, God and our life in reference to those things, and it seems we've been blessed with this popularity, which none of us expected of were even trying to achieve," he said.

"Requiem," by The Fraternity, features many of the 80 seminarians and recently ordained priests singing a traditional Latin funeral Mass. It's the result of four years of requests from de Montfort Music, a label that focuses on sacred music.

Monica Fitzgibbons started the label with her husband after realizing sacred chants were an uncovered territory.

Fitzgibbons said she had a pretty good idea the album would take off in the niche market of sacred music because of the priests' young voices, unique in a genre dominated by older monks. Sony licensed the album, and it's sold more than 5,000 copies in less than two weeks—a sizable figure for a classical artist that doesn't tour and enough to top Billboard's classical chart.

"It's hard to explain the timelessness and the universality of this music," said Akers, who was ordained three years ago and returned to the seminary to direct music for the album. "To think that this music, more or less, is the same sound, the same melodies that someone would have heard even a thousand years ago at the death of a loved one. It's very humbling to be part of something so much bigger than oneself."

Music has always been a part of Akers' life, from singing in his church choir as a child to starting a band with his brother and friends to playing bluegrass music in college. When he felt a calling to the priesthood, he chose the Fraternity of St. Peter because of its emphasis on sacred music.

"There's something transcendent I find about the music," Akers said. "It's very peaceful, very calming, and very conducive it seems to prayer."

Playmate tastes shame, ordered to clean up urban grit

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dani Mathers earned fame posing as a nude model. She gained notoriety on the other side of the camera when she snapped a photo of an unwitting and unwilling subject—a naked 71-year-old woman in a gym locker room.

The firestorm of criticism that erupted after the Playboy model posted the pic online to mock the woman's body drew more attention than any centerfold of Mathers and led a judge Wednesday to order her to spend 30 days cleaning up graffiti on Los Angeles streets as punishment.

Mathers, 30, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor invasion of privacy in Los Angeles County Superior Court for the so-called body shaming case. Although she didn't admit guilt, the plea is recorded as a conviction.

The victim, who was not in court, was humiliated by the cruel act, prosecutors said.

"Body shaming can devastate its subject," Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer said. "People are mocked, they're humiliated and in ways they can never fully get back."

Mathers, a petite blonde, had apologized for taking the photo at an LA Fitness club in July and posting it on Snapchat with the caption: "If I can't unsee this then you can't either."

The posting was accompanied by a selfie of Mathers in a tank top with her hand over her mouth as if she's gasping in horror.

The 2015 Playmate of the Year contended she intended to send the photo privately to a friend and accidentally posted it publicly.

The crime was amplified by the attention the photo got online and the backlash that erupted in the world of social media, which is often quicker to punish than reward. The shamer quickly became the shamed.

Mathers lost modeling jobs and work as a radio host, her lawyers said. She complained of being bullied online.

She was relieved to put the case behind her and was grateful to be spared a jail term, defense attorney Thomas Mesereau said outside court.

"She really apologizes from the bottom of her heart for what happened," he said. "She never thought this would come out like this. Never intended to hurt anyone."

After the case arose, Feuer promoted legislation to enhance penalties of the existing privacy invasion law for distributing partially or fully nude images without consent. The bill passed the state Senate this week.

Feuer criticized Mathers for fighting the case "tooth and nail" to avoid legal consequences. The defense argued unsuccessfully that the charge should be dismissed because the victim couldn't easily be identified in the photo shot from a distance.

It didn't take a great deal of detective work for the gym and police to track down the victim, said Deputy City Attorney Chadd Kim.

'Pirates of the Caribbean 5' sails into new franchise waters

AP
In this image released by Disney, Johnny Depp portrays Jack Sparrow, left, and Kaya Scodelario portrays Carina Smyth, right, in a scene from "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales."

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Captain Jack Sparrow might be a household name, but despite the cultural clout, the "Pirates of the Caribbean" franchise has gone adrift. In some ways, it's been a series of diminishing returns, and they're not done yet. As the fifth film, "Dead Men Tell No Tales," prepares to set sail Friday, it's already facing a few hurdles, including a changed blockbuster landscape, a star with a diminished profile and a six-year gap between installments.

In 2003 "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" washed ashore like a revelation—Walt Disney Studios had made a good movie based on a theme park ride, and created an iconic (and money-making) character for Johnny Depp in the process. Fourteen years later things look quite different. The films, which have earned $3.7 billion globally, got progressively worse in quality, and, after the second, "Dead Man's Chest," began to fall off in domestic box office returns too (worldwide earnings inched past $1 billion for the fourth, "On Stranger Tides," however).

Disney has also become a different kind of studio, with their pricey but profitable acquisitions of Marvel Studios and Lucasfilm, in addition to their recent successes transforming their animated classics into live-action blockbusters.

And yet, "Pirates of the Caribbean" soldiers on, and "Dead Men Tell No Tales" has some tricks up its sleeve. With a fresh set of directors at the helm in Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg, the filmmakers have made a good effort to return to the spirit of the first film with a new, young cast in Brenton Thwaites and Kaya Scodelario, a return of both Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley and an Oscar-winning villain in Javier Bardem.

"The actors have worked with Disney and Jerry for many years to make this movie happen. One of the things they were worried about was to bring real characters to the movie," said Bardem. "I think they brought a different heart to it."

For Bloom, the lasting appeal is simpler.

"Everyone says, 'Why do these movies still work?' And I say, because six-year-old kids are doing pirate performances. So it's not like we kind of created anything particularly new and spectacular—although I think we did," Bloom said at the film's Los Angeles premiere.

While early buzz was good for "Dead Men Tell No Tales," critics have been less kind in their full reviews. The Associated Press' Mark Kennedy called it a "weary, battered fifth chapter" that "lumbers into theaters this summer high on CGI tricks but with a hopelessly muddled plot and recurring characters basically running on fumes."

"After this fifth episode, you'll wish Disney would just declare the franchise dead and tell no more tales," Kennedy wrote.

Depp, too, following a string of flops and missteps, including "The Lone Ranger" and the universally derided "Mortdecai," has been scrutinized for recent messy personal issues, including his divorce from actress Amber Heard.

In January, on the same day the pair finalized their divorce, Depp sued his former business managers seeking more than $25 million accusing them of grossly mismanaging his finances.

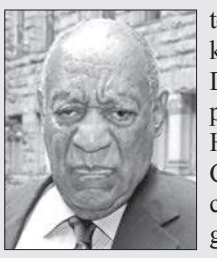
Jury of 12 on Bill Cosby sex assault case includes 2 blacks

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The jury that will hear the sex assault case against Bill Cosby will include two blacks among its 12 members in a case Cosby believes could be racially motivated.

Prosecutors and the defense team on Wednesday also chose six alternate jurors, two of them black.

"It's a terrific jury made up of people of all demographics," Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin Steele said. "We're past this nonsense about the optics and things."

Cosby's lawyers had complained this week that prosecutors were trying to keep blacks off the jury with their seven strikes. The judge, though, found prosecutors had other valid reasons to strike two black women earlier this week. The jury makeup of 17 percent is higher than the 13 percent black population in Allegheny County.



Cosby

Cosby thanked local officials and fans as he left the Pittsburgh courthouse Wednesday evening, including "all of the people who have come to see my shows."

The 79-year-old black actor-comedian once known as America's Dad for his beloved portrayal of Dr. Cliff Huxtable on "The Cosby Show," is charged with drugging and molesting a Temple University women's basketball team manager at his home near Philadelphia in 2004. He has called the encounter consensual.

Dozens of other women have made similar accusations against Cosby, 79, but Judge Steven T. O'Neill is allowing only one of them to testify. The jury from Pittsburgh will be sequestered nearly 300 miles from home.

Half of the jury pool being questioned Wednesday said they'd formed an opinion on his guilt or innocence, while one knew Cosby or his family. One-third said they were more likely to believe police testimony, nearly one-fourth had been convicted of a crime and nearly one-fifth said someone close to them had been sexually assaulted.

The judge meanwhile removed a while male juror chosen Monday for undisclosed personal reasons. Lawyers then picked a white woman to replace him.

Unwitting comments from dad cause childless daughter pain

DEAR ABBY: I am a 40-year-old childless single woman. I spent several years doing various day care jobs and have great love for children, but due to female health issues, I am unable to have my own. I have a great job and home, but cannot afford fertility treatments or adoption, both of which are expensive.

My fertility issues have caused me heartbreak and many tears. My father often comments about how disappointed he is that he has no grandchildren. Recently, he made an offhand remark that I was "selfish" for not having had any. It upset me so much I cried for days. Dad is a good man, and I know he didn't mean to be hurtful.

How do I approach him about how his comment affected me without hurting him? I don't know how much detail to give him about my fertility issues. Should I just let it be and ignore him when he complains about not having grandkids?

CHILDLESS IN IDAHO

DEAR CHILDLESS: Do not ignore this! Tell your father that you are UNABLE to conceive because of a medical problem and exactly how his comment made you feel. You should also tell him you are unable to afford fertility treatments or adoption because of the cost involved, and not to raise the subject again because it is hurtful and beyond your ability to remedy. Perhaps you could channel your motherly instincts by exploring foster care and other ways you can help children in need.

DEAR ABBY: My husband left me for another woman four months ago. We had been married for 33 years, and my world has been ripped apart.

Now he says he wants to try to reconcile, and it has me feeling extremely confused. While I still love him, I know our relationship will never be the same as before. Will I look like a fool to everyone if I let him come home?

HEARTBROKEN IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: How you look to "everyone" is far less important than how you feel. You are correct that if you reconcile, your relationship will never be the same. But has it occurred to you that it might be better?

Husbands stray for all kinds of reasons. Before you make any final decisions about taking him back, insist on counseling so you can understand exactly what they were. That's how broken marriages are repaired.

DEAR ABBY: I had friendships with both of my second cousins, "Tom" and "Jane," a brother and sister in their 60s. They have long been estranged from each other. Tom was estranged from his parents as well. Jane was their parents' caregiver.

Jane called me to say their father was near death and thought I would want to know. Then she said, "I'm not telling Tom, and I'm asking you to do the same." I told her it was an awkward request because I am friendly with him, too.

Well, I chose to tell him. Tom called his mother and it went well, after years of no communication. Jane has now cut me out of her life. Was I wrong to tell her brother?

MIKE IN MEXICO

DEAR MIKE: Yes, I think it was wrong to have gone against the wishes of the daughter who had assumed the responsibility of caring for her aged parents. It's fortunate that the conversation went well, because it might not have.

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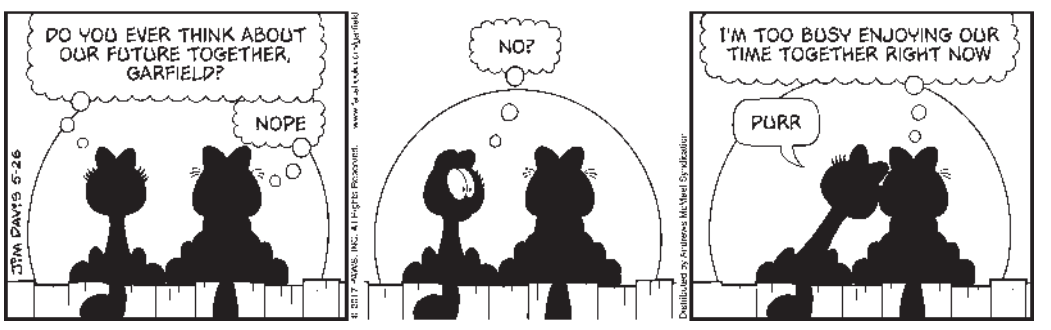

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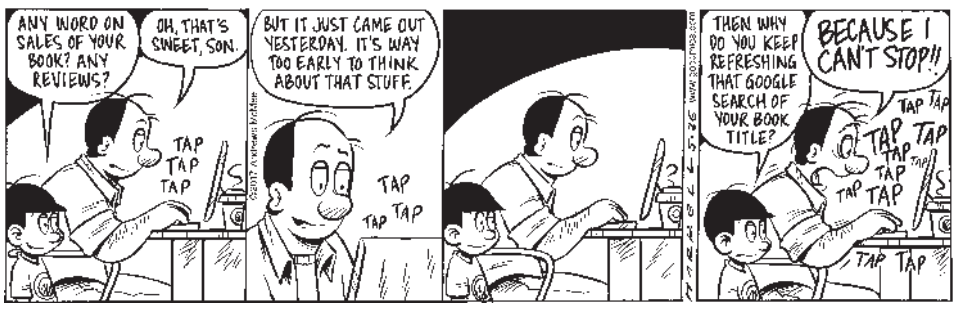
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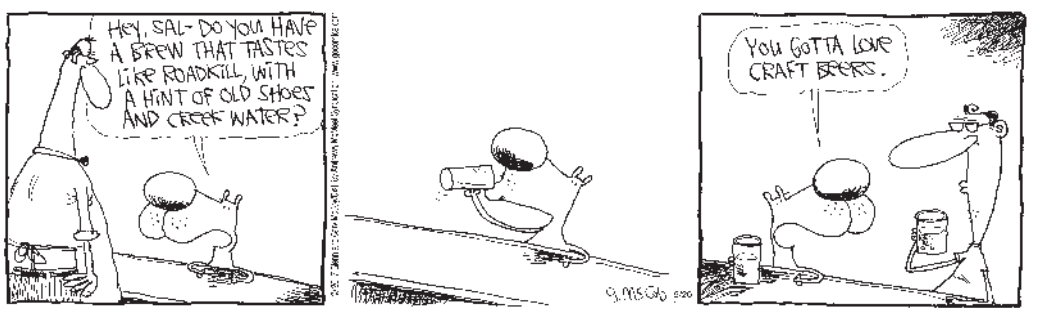

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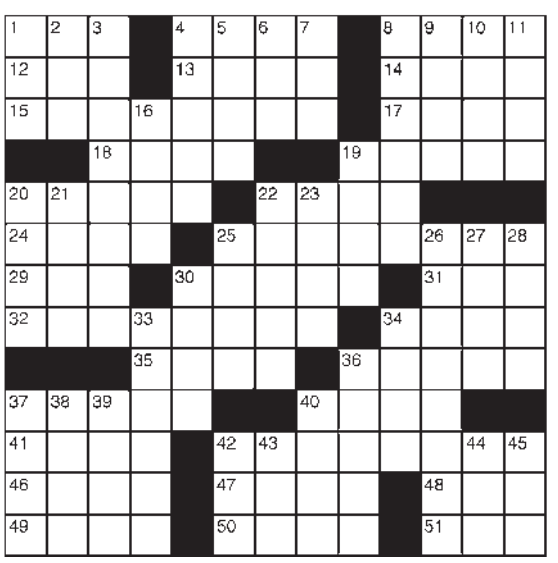

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ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Make positive changes to the way you live or with regard to a personal relationship. Show how much you care or make alterations to the way you look that will make you more appealing. A romantic opportunity looks promising. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* If you want something, go after it. Look for a creative way to promote what you have to offer. Staying focused and keeping a steady pace will help you get ahead. A playful attitude will make you hard to resist. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Emotional matters will escalate quickly. Before you let excitement take over, find out the logistics of what's being proposed. Listen and assess your options before you take a chance on something iffy. Joint ventures aren't in your best interest. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Keep your personal information well hidden. Someone will try to use gossip to get a rise out of you. Don't fall for a trick to entice you into doing something you know isn't good for you. Choose your associates carefully. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Travel plans can be made. Expanding your interests will also encourage you to make positive lifestyle changes that ease your stress and promote more enjoyment. Don't settle for less when you can have so much more. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Additional responsibilities will be thrust upon you. Before you agree to take on more, find out what's expected of you. Negotiate your position, time and the returns you receive. An elder will be difficult to deal with. ✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* A change in the way you view your relationships with others will give you a reason to rethink your plans for the future. Short trips, emotional discussions and opportunities to grow personally and emotionally will tempt you. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Discuss personal plans with someone you love. Don't be afraid to say "no" if you feel the emotional, physical or financial risks are too high. It's better to be cautious and stick to what you know is doable. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Love, romance and family are highlighted. You can bring about favorable changes that will encourage greater comfort, convenience and happiness for you as well as those who share your space. Plan activities that you can enjoy with loved ones. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Follow your own path. Take pride in what you do, as well as the efforts you put in to make your life and your home suit your needs. Don't give in to anyone trying to coerce you into a change that doesn't feel right. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Attending a reunion or getting together with people you haven't seen in a long time will boost your morale and encourage you to stay in touch. Making future plans will lead to an interesting joint venture. Personal changes are favored. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Emotional mayhem will break out if you aren't upfront about the way you feel, what you want or who you are. Talk is cheap, but offering false information will get you into trouble. Stick to the script and avoid discord. ✪✪

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IN THE MATTER OF: APPOINTMENT OF A GENERAL LEGAL GUARDIAN AND CUSTODIAN OF THE PERSON, AD LITEM, AND ESTATE OF	FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 17-0222
C.J.M., An incapacitated person and proposed ward, By: **MILAGROS B. SANTOS** Petitioner.	**NOTICE OF HEARING** Date: June 22, 2017 Time: 10:30am Judge: Hon. Kenneth L. Govendo

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner, Milagros B. Santos, has petitioned the above Court to appoint her as the general legal guardian and custodian of the person, ad litem, and estate of incapacitated person and proposed ward, C.J.M.

The hearing on this petition has been set before the Superior Court, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for the 22nd day of June, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

Any person who has objection to the petition may file his or her objection with the Superior court at any time before the hearing, or may appear at the time set for hearing to present such objection or interest in the above-captioned matter.
Dated this 22nd day of May, 2017.

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. in the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Classroom located at Airport Fire Station at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport on Saipan.

The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes (March 21, 2017)

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IV. SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS
1. Tinian Terminal Improvement Project Change Order No. 4 and Supplemental Budget Request
2. Saipan Runway Rehabilitation CM Amendment No. 5 (Repackaging Proposal) and Supplemental Budget Request
3. Port of Saipan Charlie Gate and Fence Reconditioning Change Orders 1 and 2 and Supplemental Budget Request
4. Approval of Board Resolution 17-08: Support the Reappointment of Board-nominee Thomas P. Villagomez
5. SITA

V. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

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Acting Chairman, Board of Directors

May 25, 2017

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Cavs remain humble with chance to closeout Celtics in Game 5

AP
Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) goes up for a shot against Boston Celtics' Jae Crowder (99) during the second half of Game 4 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals, Tuesday, May 23, 2017, in Cleveland.

BOSTON (AP)—It took 10 games and halfway through the third round of the NBA playoffs before the Cleveland Cavaliers finally encountered their first true dose of resistance this postseason.

After cruising to a 2-0 Eastern Conference finals lead over Boston, the Cavs were humbled at home in a Game 3 loss, and needed a 42-point night from Kyrie Irving to battle back from a 16-point hole and win Game 4.

The chatter about an NBA Finals' matchup of two teams with unblemished playoff records is gone, but the challenge from the Celtics has sharpened the focus of the defending champs. Cleveland is expecting another unflinching effort in Game 5 from a Celtics team that isn't backing down despite facing a 3-1 deficit in the series.

"The closeout game is always the hardest.and Boston is going to make it even harder," said LeBron James, who rebounded from a playoff-low 11 points in Game 3 to score 34 in Game 4.

James had been saying that he felt like the Cavs needed to go through some adversity after a blistering 10-0 start to the postseason.

The way they responded Tuesday night—particularly on the defensive end—is a good sign for their prospects of wrapping up their third straight Eastern Conference crown on Thursday.

Boston shot 47 percent from the field and 35 percent from the 3-point line in the first half of Game 4 on their way to building as much as a 16-point lead.

While Irving's scoring ignited the Cavs' comeback, it was made possible thanks to Cleveland's defensive effort over the final 24 minutes. Cleveland limited the Celtics to 41 percent from the field and 29 percent from beyond the arc.

"We have to go in with a bunker mentality that we had in Game 1 and Game 2, to go out and do what we do, but we have to defend," James said. "We have to execute offensively. We have to have low turnovers, and we have to try to make them miss because some of those guys play a lot better at home. That's just how the game be played."

Everyone will have one eye on Irving's left ankle. He rolled it late in the third quarter of Game 4 when he stepped on Terry Rozier's foot. Irving stayed on the floor and finished the game, but with a day off between games there will be interest in how tender his ankle is at tipoff.

If the Celtics were playing with house money heading into the series, they are flush with it again as they return to the Garden.

They've given themselves a chance to erase the sting of their 44-point loss in Game 2. The Celtics are also guarding against ending their season by having to watch the Cavs celebrate a conference title on their home floor.

Boston lost All-Star Isaiah Thomas for the remainder of the postseason to a hip injury in Game 2, forcing coach Brad Stevens to shuffle his lineup and rotations in Games 3 and 4.

In addition, Jae Crowder suffered a strained left thigh in the third quarter of Game 4 as well, but returned to play the entire fourth quarter.

It's an indication that despite still being in a dire 3-1 hole, the resolve inside Boston's locker room remains strong.

"We owe our fans a better performance, and we know that, and we're going to play hard," Celtics guard Avery Bradley said. "You're going to see a team playing hard, very hard, the entire game."

It's also why Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said that his team must keep all thoughts of being on the cusp of a return to the NBA Finals at bay for now.

"You can't (think about it). As much as you want to, it's not over," he said.

If nothing else, Lue said their recent taste of adversity should help them remain humble heading into Game 5.

"I think it is making us better. And it's making us tougher. It's making us work," the Cavs coach said. "Because they got a tough group over there. (Terry) Rozier is tough, Avery is tough, (Marcus) Smart's tough. Crowder. So, they got a lot of tough guys that are going to compete so they're making us compete, which is good for us."

NBA announces 2019 All-Star game will held in Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—The NBA All-Star game is headed back to Charlotte in 2019, a couple of years later than anticipated.

The NBA announced that the All-Star weekend will be held Feb. 15-17 in Charlotte and the game will be played at the Spectrum Center, home of the Charlotte Hornets.

The league had selected Charlotte to host the 2017 All-Star game, but later moved the game to New Orleans because of the state law restricting the rights of LGBT people. However, a compromise was struck in March to partially erase the impact of the House Bill 2 law limiting anti-discrimination protections for lesbians, gays, bisexual and transgender people.

"While we understand the concerns of those who say the repeal of HB2 did not go far enough, we believe the recent legislation eliminates the most egregious aspects of the prior law," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said in a release. "Additionally, it allows us to work with the leadership of the Hornets organization to apply a set of equality principles to ensure that every All-Star event will proceed with open access and anti-discrimination policies.

"All venues, hotels and businesses we work with during All-Star will adhere to these policies as well."

Despite Silver's intentions, the Equality NC and the Human Rights Campaign has concerns that no protections for non-discrimination policies for the LGBTQ community have been put in place by the Charlotte or the state.

"North Carolina's discriminatory law prohibits the city of Charlotte from implementing non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ residents and visitors attending the All-Star Game. Nothing has changed that fact," said HRC senior vice president for policy and political affairs JoDee Winterhof.

The NBA is the latest sports entity to return events to North Carolina; the NCAA and the Atlantic Coast Conference also are bringing events back to the state after changes were made to the law.

The now-repealed House Bill 2 required transgender people to use restrooms corresponding to the sex on their birth certificates in many public buildings. That's been dropped, but LGBT advocates have denounced the replacement law because state officials took no action barring sexual identity and gender discrimination in workplaces, restaurants and hotels and instead prohibited local governments from acting on their own.

Hornets owner and longtime NBA great Michael Jordan said in a release he is "thrilled" the game is coming back to Charlotte.

"We want to thank Commissioner Silver for his leadership throughout this process and for the decision to bring NBA All-Star back to Buzz City," Jordan said in the release. "All-Star Weekend is an international event that will provide a tremendous economic impact to our community while showcasing our city, our franchise and our passionate Hornets fan base to people around the world."

Jordan asked Silver to keep the city in mind for 2019 after the league moved the 2017 game—hopeful the HB2 law would eventually be repealed.

Silver honored that request.

Hornets COO and president Fred Whitfield represented the Hornets and Spectrum Center in doing whatever he could to help facilitate a resolution, spending time meeting with legislatures and other business leaders in North Carolina.

"From the very beginning I was in engaged to see if we could not only save the 2019 All-Star game, but the NCAA (basketball) regionals and the ACC Tournament, as well as concerts and events in the building," Whitfield said. "We are operators of the building and we felt like we had to get engaged to assist to get some resolution."

Even as talks to repeal HB2 stalled at times, the Hornets continued to move forward with the league's request to upgrade the arena.

The $41 million renovation—$33.5 million of which came from the City of Charlotte—is almost complete, and has included a new scoreboard, new floor and renovations to suites and hospitality areas, among other upgrades.

Charlotte previously hosted the All-Star game in 1991 at the Charlotte Coliseum, which has since been demolished.

Pete Guelli, the Hornets executive vice president and chief sales and marketing officer, estimates a $100 economic impact for the city, but said the reputational effect will be even bigger.

"This city has changed significantly since the last time it hosted a game 28 years ago," Guelli said, "and the opportunity to showcase that on an international stage is incalculable."

Yankees beat Royals despite losing Ellsbury

NEW YORK (AP)—Helped by a great first-inning catch that forced center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury from the game with a concussion and sprained neck, Luis Severino won for the first time in a month and led the New York Yankees to a 3-0 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Wednesday.

On the first pitch of the game, Ellsbury sprinted 107 feet and raised his glove above his head to catch Alcides Escobar's fly. Ellsbury's head jarred into the wall as the ball landed in his glove and he crumpled to the field. After being checked by manager Joe Girardi and head athletic trainer Steve Donohue, he remained in the game but was replaced by Aaron Hicks starting the second.

Didi Gregorius homered against Jason Hammel (1-6) leading off the third inning.

Cardinals 6, Dodgers 1

In Los Angeles, Mike Leake allowed four hits over eight innings as St. Louis beat Los Angeles.

Jedd Gyorko had three hits and drew a walk in the two-run second inning that gave the Cardinals the lead for good.

Yadier Molina hit a solo home run in the seventh inning to extend his hitting streak to 13 games. Molina's streak ties Kolten Wong for the Cardinals' longest this season.

Leake (5-2) struck out five and walked none. He maintained a National League-leading 1.91 ERA.

Diamondbacks 8, White Sox 6

In Phoenix, Jake Lamb homered off a left-hander for only the second time this season while five Diamondbacks drove in at least one run as Arizona completed a three-game sweep and won for the eighth time in nine games.

The Diamondbacks scored six runs in the fifth inning, chasing starter Jose Quintana (2-6) and building a six-run lead, but they had to hold off a White Sox rally.

Jose Abreu and Leury Garcia homered for the White Sox, who were swept for the second time on a 3-7 road trip.

Twins 4, Orioles 3

In Baltimore, Jose Berrios took a two-hitter into the seventh inning while Kennys Vargas drove in two runs as Minnesota completed its first three-game sweep in Baltimore since 1996.

Eduardo Escobar had two hits and an RBI for the first-place Twins, who have won six of seven and are a major league best 14-5 on the road.

Berrios (3-0) allowed three runs and four hits over 6 1/3 innings, striking out seven. He was pulled in the seventh after solo homers by Chris Davis and Jonathan Schoop got Baltimore to 4-3.

Blue Jays 8, Brewers 4

In Milwaukee, Ryan Goins hit his first career grand slam, one of four homers for Toronto as it swept two-game interleague series and won three straight to finish a seven-game trip.

Kevin Pillar, Devon Travis and Jose Bautista hit solo shots for the Blue Jays, who have homered in four straight games. Bautista's towering shot caromed off the Miller Lite sign high above the center-field wall 400 feet from the plate.

Marcus Stroman (5-2) allowed four hits and a season-high four walks but won his fourth straight game, pitching into the sixth before Domingo Santana's two-out, three-run homer cut Toronto's lead to four.

Athletics 4, Marlins 1

In Oakland, California, Sonny Gray struck out a season-high 11 over seven innings in his best start in two years and Khris Davis homered to lead Oakland.

Jed Lowrie matched his career high with four hits including a pair of doubles while Matt Joyce reached base three times and scored to help the A's earn a split of the two-game interleague series.

Gray (2-1) was dominant while earning his second straight win. He walked one and allowed three hits.

Santiago Casilla got the last three outs for his seventh save.

Edinson Volquez (0-7) allowed three runs over six innings and tied the Marlins franchise record for most consecutive losses to open a season.

Nationals 5, Mariners 1

In Washington, Anthony Rendon hit a three-run homer for his eighth of the season and Tanner Roark allowed a run over seven innings to lead Washington.

Rendon has three homers and eight RBIs in the Nationals' two victories to open this three-game series.

Roark (4-2) completed seven innings for the first time in seven starts and held the Mariners to 1 for 7 with runners in scoring position.

Mariners rookie Sam Gaviglio (0-1) allowed all five runs — one earned — over six innings as the Mariners lost their fifth straight.

Seattle's Robinson Cano went 3 for 4.

Red Sox 9, Rangers 4

In Boston, Dustin Pedroia waved home the tiebreaking run on a wild pitch then singled in two more during Boston's seven-run seventh inning as the Red Sox won their third straight.

Chris Sale (5-2) struck out six, falling short in his attempt to become the first pitcher in baseball's modern era to strike out at least 10 batters in nine straight games in one season. He allowed three earned runs, six hits and a walk in 7 1/3 innings and received more runs of support in the seventh inning alone than in any previous game this season.

Sam Dyson (1-5) faced seven batters in relief of Martin Perez and gave up four hits, three walks — two intentional — and a wild pitch without retiring a batter. Mike Napoli homered for Texas, which has lost three of four to follow a 10-game winning streak.

Pirates 12, Braves 5, 10 innings

In Atlanta, Gift Ngoepe doubled to drive in Andrew McCutchen for the go-ahead run before Pittsburgh Pirates hit three straight homers during a seven-run 10th inning to beat Atlanta.

Pittsburgh's Jose Osuna hit a bases-loaded, two-run single off Jose Ramirez in the ninth to tie it at 5.

After Ngoepe's double, the Pirates put the game away with Josh Harrison's two-run single, followed by homers from David Freese, Osuna and Jordy Mercer — all off Josh Collmenter (0-2). Freese's homer was a two-run shot.

Rays 5, Angels 2

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Steven Souza Jr. homered twice to rally Tampa Bay past Los Angeles.

Colby Rasmus also went deep for the Rays and Erasmo Ramirez pitched six strong innings in his third start of the season.

Albert Pujols hit his 597th career home run, a two run shot in the first for the Angels. It was his sixth of the season.

Ramirez (3-0) gave up four hits and walked one while striking out two. Alex Colome got the last three outs for his 12th save.

Souza tied it with a two-run homer off Ricky Nolasco (2-4) in the second. Back-to-back doubles by Corey Dickerson and Kevin Kiermaier put the Rays up 3-2 in the third. Rasmus and Souza then homered in the seventh.

Rockies 7, Phillies 2

In Philadelphia, Tyler Chatwood allowed just one hit in seven scoreless innings while Carlos Gonzalez homered as Colorado beat Philadelphia.

Chatwood befuddled the Phillies, striking out a season-high eight batters and only allowing a single by Andrew Knapp in the fifth inning. It was the third time Chatwood (4-6) earned a win in his career while allowing just one hit.

Gonzalez hit a three-run homer for the Rockies, who have won four straight. It was their major league-best 18th win on the road.

The Rockies pounded starter Jeremy Hellickson (5-2) for seven runs in the third.

Cubs 5, Giants 4

In Chicago, Anthony Rizzo hit two home runs and Kyle Hendricks tossed seven strong innings as Chicago held on to beat San Francisco.

Rizzo hit solo homers off Matt Moore (2-5) in the second and fourth innings for his 14th career multi-home run game. He has four homers over his last four games and 11 on the season.

Javier Baez made it 3-2 with a sacrifice fly in the fifth. Miguel Montero doubled and scored in the seventh. Jason Heyward tripled and came around on Jon Jay's sacrifice fly in the eighth after the Giants left the bases loaded.

Tigers 6, Astros 3

In Houston, Jose Iglesias finished a triple shy of the cycle while Ian Kinsler had two hits and scored twice as Detroit snapped a three-game losing streak.

Iglesias, who scored three runs, doubled to lead off the eighth. He moved to second on a single by Kinsler before scoring on Alex Avila's RBI grounder off Chris Devenski (3-3) to give the Tigers a 3-2 lead. Following an intentional walk to Miguel Cabrera, Kinsler scored on Victor Martinez RBI grounder.

Iglesias then hit a two-run homer in the ninth.

Padres 6, Mets 5

In New York, Hunter Renfroe snapped an eighth-inning tie with a titanic home run and Brad Hand pitched out of a huge jam in the ninth as San Diego rallied for the win.

New York loaded the bases with nobody out against Hand on two singles and a walk. But the left-hander struck out Curtis Granderson and Rene Rivera on breaking balls before Juan Lagares flied out to end it.

Reds 4, Indians 3

In Cleveland, Billy Hamilton scored from first base on Zack Cozart's two-run single with two outs in the ninth inning against closer Cody Allen to lift Cincinnati.

The speedy Hamilton reached after narrowly beating out an apparent game-ending double play — he was ruled safe after a replay review, putting runners at first and third for Cozart.

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NFL cuts OT to 10 minutes and opens up end zone celebrations

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In this Oct. 2, 2016, file photo, Washington Redskins cornerback Josh Norman (24) celebrates his interception with a "bow and arrow," gesture during the second half of an NFL football game against the Cleveland Browns in Landover, Md.

CHICAGO (AP)—NFL owners cut the overtime period from 15 minutes to 10 minutes during the regular season, but also gave players plenty of leeway to celebrate after a touchdown.

The two moves are expected to result in more tie games and much more elaborate end zone dance parties.

"I always planned all my celebrations," said Denver's Emmanuel Sanders, already known for his flamboyant TD celebrations, including one that drew a fine last season.

"Now I can go a little overboard without getting cussed out by the head coach."

At their regularly scheduled spring meeting Tuesday, the owners also decided to shift the 2021 Super Bowl to Tampa from Los Angeles, where construction delays have pushed back the expected opening of the new home for the Rams and Chargers. Those teams will now host the league's showcase event in 2022.

Also approved at the meeting was the Oakland Raiders lease for a stadium in Las Vegas, where the team is expected to play the 2020 season.

For all the maneuvering, end zone celebration talk generated the most buzz. After years of limiting how—and how much—players could celebrate following touchdowns, the league decided to loosen up its rules, allowing players to again use the football as a prop, celebrate as a group and roll around or flap their arms like snow angels on the ground again if they choose.

Even Commissioner Roger Goodell said he was looking forward to seeing what players would do with their newfound freedom of expression.

Asked whether he celebrated the new guidelines approved at Tuesday's spring meetings, Goodell just laughed.

"I did," he said. "I can't tell you how."

The shorter overtime period will be used in the preseason and regular season. Playoff games will also use 10-minute time blocks in overtime, but won't end in ties.

Coaches' concerns that too many players were exhausted and risking injuries at the end of the extra period was the key factor in the decision.

Research suggests the number of games that will go into overtime and end up tied will climb slightly. Over the past five years, with the 15-minute period in use, the league has averaged about one tie game each season. Projections show that could climb to three.

"We don't think it will lead to more ties," Goodell said. He noted a number of coaches said they expect a more aggressive approach to scoring with the shorter extra period.

Rams owner Stan Kroenke said he welcomed the decision to delay awarding the Super Bowl to Los Angeles by a year.

"We want to be sure that we do everything right, 100 percent," he said after the meetings. "To have the Super Bowl, that's the important thing."

Unusually wet weather had already caused significant construction delays at the $2.6 billion football stadium in Inglewood, California.

Tampa originally finished as runner-up in the bidding for 2020—one reason why owners backed the move unanimously. The NFL also would have had to waive a rule that prohibits a Super Bowl being played at a stadium before it has hosted two full regular seasons.

Goodell said the moniker "No Fun League" had been thrown around since he was an intern in the league office.

The league, however, will continue to penalize any celebration deemed offensive or in bad taste, including those that embarrass opponents or mimic the use of weapons.

If celebrations are deemed a violation by on-field officials, players could still be penalized under existing unsportsmanlike conduct and taunting violations, as well as fined.

"Everybody has a different idea where the line is," the commissioner said.

There is no set time limit on how long such celebrations can continue. But the league is placing an emphasis on speeding up the pace of games. The 40-second play clock will begin once an official signals a touchdown and teams will have to snap the ball for their extra-point play by the end of the clock.

League officials will review celebrations during the preseason and anticipate providing guidance as the regular season progresses. Former player Jon Runyan, who is in charge of on-field disciplinary actions, will decide the fines. Two other former players, Derrick Brooks and James Thrash will hear appeals for players.

"I actually think it will be easier" for officials to determine which celebrations are appropriate, said Alberto Riveron, the league's new senior vice president for officiating. "But some things will still be open to interpretation."

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95 points in doubles and 125 in singles for the combined 148.75 ranking points.

The CNMI player is now in Fiji to train and prepare, not only for the Fed Cup, but also for five more Juniors ITF ranking tournaments in Fiji and New Caledonia.

In the Fed Cup, which will run from July 16 to 22 at the Pamir Stadium, Dushanbe, Lee and her Pacific Oceania teammates will join players from Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzkebekistan, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, New Zealand, and Oman. Groupings have to be determined, but teams are likely to be divided into four pools with the winner in the entire tournament to move up to Group I.

Meanwhile, former CNMI junior player Colin Siclair, who is now based in the U.S. and played for Cornell University, has been chosen to play for the Pacific Oceania Davis Cup Team. He will compete in the 2017 Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group III in Colombo, Sri Lanka, also in July this year.

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haran and Thailand's Guntinun Sootinun-Opart, 6-0, 6-3, in yesterday's Round of 8 game at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

The other semis pairing will have the top seeds Hsiang Yu Chuang and Yi Jui Lo of Chinese-Taipei dueling No. 3 Ryotaro Koshiba and Hisanori Suzuki of Japan. The Taiwanese downed Hong Kong's Chun Lam and Thailand's Wanchaichana Phasitwasan, 6-2, 6-4, to move into the Final Four, while Koshiba and Suzuki followed suit after slipping past Hong Kong's Isaac Chan and Chun Ho Chow, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 10-8.

Lo is also in contention in the singles title after leading the quarterfinalists' list. He topped Chan yesterday, 6-3 6-2, to make it to the Round of 8 along with India's Mann Shah, Eala, Mitsui, Koshiba, Hiroki Fujita, Man Chan, and Shimizu.

The unseeded Shimizu pulled off an upset over No. 2 seed Stefan Storch of Australia, 5-7, 7-5, 6-1, to set up a quarterfinal duel against Man Chan—a 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (3) winner against Balce. The unranked Fujita also eliminated his seeded foe, the No. 4 Hsiang Yu Chuang of Chinese-Taipei, 6-3, 7-6, while the No. 7 Koshiba soldiered on after beating Lam, 6-3, 6-1.

Lo and Shah arranged their quarterfinals collision after ousting Chan, 6-3, 6-2, and Macau's Kun Teng Tche, 6-2, 7-5, respectively, while Eala won over Phasitwasan, 6-4, 6-3, and Mitsui defeated Chow, 6-1, 6-3.

In the women's singles, the quarterfinals cast was also completed yesterday with No. 1 seed Chao Yi Wang of Chinese-Taipei leading the qualifiers. She is joined by compatriots' Tzu Hsun Hsu, Yun Chen Hiseh, and Yu Hua Cheng and Japan's Yurika Kubo, Ai Yamaguchi, Otoha Aoki, and Nanari Katsumi.

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ing it to second and third in the ensuing plays. Frankie Lifoifoi was next at bat and went down after an interference violation. J.J. Lifoifoi then batted third and walked, while Henry Iguel was next to the plate. Iguel went on to hit a grounder, which third baseman Peter Tomokane picked up and threw to Camacho. The GSM second baseman caught the ball and beat J.J. Lifoifoi for the second out, but the play did not end there as Camacho decided to throw the leather to first, hoping for a double play. The pass intended for Byron Kaipat was wayward, prompting Lieto to run home.

After that crucial defensive meltdown, GSM finally got the third out when centerfielder Anthony Tenorio caught a fly from Giovanni Mira, leaving Iguel stranded at first and A.J. Evangelista at second.

GSM then had a chance to tie the game at the top of the ninth inning, as Jesse Brel managed to get to third base after moving to first off a Falcons error at shortstop, stealing second, and advancing again after Tenorio went down on a 6-3 putout play. Tenorio was the second GSM batter to sit down as leadoff batter Shane Yamada flied out to center field.

With two outs and Brel at third, the game-tying hit could have come from Tyrone Omar, however his line drive was caught by second baseman Mira, ending the match in favor of the last-seeded Falcons.

The Game 2 win was a come-from-behind one for the Falcons, as they faced a 0-5 deficit after five complete innings. GSM, which lost Game 1 by one run, too (3-4), made it to board in the third inning off Omar's RBI single and widened the gap at the top of the fifth off Brel's two-run triple, Tenorio's sacrifice fly, and Kaipat's RBI double.

However, GSM failed to keep the upper hand when the Falcons mounted a comeback at the bottom of the sixth inning. Evangelista started the Falcons' rally when he scored off GSM's error at home, while Ian Norita hit an RBI single, and Bradley Lieto made an RBI double to move their team within two, 3-5, with no outs. GSM then temporarily halted the Falcons' run when it caught two fly balls, however Iguel nailed a two-run single to force the deadlock before the pennant champion got the third out in the next play (6-3 putout against Evangelista).

The game remained in a standoff in the seventh before the Falcons broke the tie, capitalizing on GSM's pivotal error in the eighth inning to oust the regular season top finisher and take the first finals seat.

J.J. Lifoifoi pitched for the upset-minded Falcons in the last four-inning shutdown of GSM. He had four strikeouts and gave up only two hits.

With the series sweep, the Falcons now await the winner in the other Final Four pairing featuring the defending champions Chalan Kanoa Bears and BSI Aces. The BSI Aces won Game 1, 9-8, last Tuesday and Game 2 was played last night, but results of the match were unavailable at press time.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	27	17	.614	—
Baltimore	25	20	.556	2½
Boston	24	21	.533	3½
Tampa Bay	24	25	.490	5½
Toronto	21	26	.447	7½

Central Division

Minnesota	25	18	.581	—
Cleveland	24	21	.533	2
Detroit	22	23	.489	4
Chicago	20	25	.444	6
Kansas City	19	27	.413	7½

West Division

Houston	31	16	.660	—
Texas	24	23	.511	7
Los Angeles	25	24	.510	7
Oakland	21	25	.457	9½
Seattle	20	27	.426	11

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	28	17	.622	—
Atlanta	20	24	.455	7½
New York	19	25	.432	8½
Miami	16	29	.356	12
Philadelphia	15	29	.341	12½

Central Division

Milwaukee	25	21	.543	—
St. Louis	23	20	.535	½
Chicago	24	21	.533	½
Cincinnati	22	24	.478	3
Pittsburgh	21	26	.447	4½

West Division

Colorado	31	17	.646	—
Arizona	29	19	.604	2
Los Angeles	27	20	.574	3½
San Francisco	20	28	.417	11
San Diego	17	31	.354	14

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Tsunami Saipan sets swim records, tops 5 divisions

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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan registered two age group records on top of winning five divisions in the 2017 Guam Swimming Championships held over the weekend at the Hagatna Pool.

Isaiah Aleksenko posted one of club's two age group marks in the off-island tournament after clocking in at 2:44.97 in the boys 11 to 12's 200m butterfly. He surpassed the 2:45.87 that Saipan Swim Club's Jinnosuke Suzuki made last March 23, 2017. The Tsunami Saipan swimmer, who placed third overall in the rankings in his division, finished the four-lap race way ahead of Tsunami Guam's Chuckie White, who timed in at 3:11.17.

The other Tsunami Saipan record logged last weekend was courtesy of Ashley Dangol, whose 30.95 seconds in the 50m freestyle eclipsed the 31.28 seconds Miku Tammy marked on Sept. 29, 2012 in the girls 9 to 10 age group.

Dangol was the lone swimmer to complete the sprint in less than 31 seconds, as her closest pursuer checked in at 38.34. The Tsunami Saipan swimmer bested 11 other entries in that 50m freestyle event and took the top honors in her age group after collecting 72 points. Dangol ruled seven other events in the Guam meet to make it to the podium along with teammate Shoko Litulumar (62 points) and Manhoben Swim Club's Mia Lee (55 points).

Ashley's brother Aasish also lorded it over in the boys U7 division after gaining 72 points off his first places finishes in eight races. Aasish defeated Tsunami Guam's Ocean Campus (53), Manhoben's John Moore (52), and Andersen Marlins' William Hurrelbrink (27) and Kenny Wyrick (10).

Tsunami Saipan had a sweep in the U7 age group as Maria Batallones also won against her rivals in the girls division. Batallones tallied 72 points to prevail against Manhoben's Amaya Bollinger (58), Manukai's Sophie Tarr (52), Tsunami Guam's Donna Entera (32), Manukai's Penelope Sablan (13), and Andersen's Chloe Warren (13), Ava Wyrick (12), and Sophia Lucero (11).

Two more Tsunami Saipan members clinched top honors in their respective divisions with Jun Tenorio ruling the boys 11 to 12 and Aika Watanabe winning in the girls 13 to 14. Watanabe gained 68 points to share first place with Tsunami Guam's Roxanne Mikel, while Tenorio had 72 points for a close win over SSC's Jinnosuke Suzuki (68) and Aleksenko (58).

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Tsunami Saipan's Isaiah Aleksenko waits for the start of his race during last weekend's 2017 Guam Swimming Championships held at the Hagatna Pool.

Enforcers vs Falcons for Senior League title

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The Enforcers kept its 3-2 playoff victory over the Blue Jays in the Senior League division of the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball to earn the right to challenge pennant champion Falcons in tomorrow's winner-take-all finale at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Enforcers and Blue Jays battled for the second finals seat last May 13 with the former pulling off the close win. However, the Blue Jays indicated in the score sheet that they were protesting the match due to technicalities (an Enforcer player was not in complete uniform in the fifth inning). Saipan Little League Baseball, through consultation with the CNMI District administrator James Ada, then threw out the protest as the Blue Jays did not submit it in writing within 24 hours after the match and no letter was forwarded to SLLB president Angel Murig.

Dennis Cabrera made the winning hit for the Enforcers as his single drove Leo Salalila home at the bottom of the seventh and last inning. Cabrera also recorded the run that tied the game in the fifth inning after the Enforcers went scoreless in the first four frames to fall behind, 0-2. Cabrera reached home off an error from Blue Jays catcher Andres Camacho, while Salalila gave the Enforcers their first run as he scored off a booboo from shortstop Austin Benavente.

The Blue Jays, on the other hand, got their first run from Dai Podziewski, who moved to first to third off the Enforcers miscues and then stole home at the top of the second inning. The second baseman also handed the Blue Jays their second run in the fourth inning as he tripled and made it home off the Enforcers error at second base.

The Blue Jays were then held scoreless in the last three innings, missing a good chance to regain the lead in the sixth as Enforcers relief pitcher Pedro Maratita struck out two batters and Podziewski was stranded at third when Benavente went down on a 6-3 putout play.

A quick 1-2-3 inning charged on the Blue Jays off another Maratita's strikeout, flyout and 1-3 putout play kept the score tied, going into the bottom of the seventh. Salalila led off for the Enforcers in the last inning and he singled and stole second before being brought home by Cabrera's single to hand their team a finals berth.

In tomorrow's finals, the defending champions Falcons, who entered the title game outright for topping the regular season, are slightly favored against the Enforcers. The Falcons won last year's finals against the Comets, 3-0.

Meanwhile, the Falcons will also play in the Junior League championship match this weekend. The Falcons advanced to the finals after downing the Comets, who eventually moved into the title game following a victory over the Braves.

In the Majors division, the semifinal round will take place this Saturday with the pennant champions Falcons battling the Little Leagues and the Braves dueling the Comets. The finals will be held this Sunday.

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An Enforcers batter gets ready to swing during their playoff game against the Blue Jays in the Senior League division of the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball early this month at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

All set for tonight's ROP 21: Throwdown

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The stage is set for Rites of Passage 21: Throwdown as Trench Tech's first event of the year goes down tonight and features two of the islands' prides—Frank "The Crank" Camacho and Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fitial.

Camacho will fight in the main event, going up against Extreme Combat Korea's Gun Han Park in the 170-lb bout. Fitial, on the other hand, will duel Pete "Big Mac" Miyasaki of GuamFightClub in the 250-lb catch weight in the semi-main event at the Marianas Business Plaza.

Both Fitial and Camacho are looking for back-to-back victories after winning their previous bouts in contrasting fashions. Fitial is coming off a unanimous decision triumph over Australia's Benjamin Sosoli in the PXC 56: Pacific Xtreme Combat 56 held last March 25 this year, while Camacho earned a TKO win (punches) versus Korean Hyun Joo Kim in ROP 20: Conquer in August last year.

Weigh-ins for the two anticipated bouts along with 12 other fights were held yesterday at GIG Discotheque.

Tonight's Throwdown will open with a boxing match between Trench Tech's Jordan "The Machine" Manglona and Guam 360MMA's Peter Rodriguez and will be followed by a kickboxing duel between Guam Muay Thai's Chris Redina and Trench Tech's very own Kier "TheRadicalKid" Agda.

For the MMA bouts lineup, Guam Muay Thai's Shane Moore will start the action at the octagon cage as he takes on compatriot and independent fighter Vince Acfalle. For the second MMA fight, it will be Guam versus Saipan as Andres "The Tanapag Beach BadBoy" Camacho challenges the visiting Kyle Gumataotao.

The eight other preliminary MMA bouts are as follows and have a lot of fighters seeing action in ROP for the first time: George Grove vs Brendon Manglona; John Mendiola vs Austin John King; Austin Petrus vs Patrick Ungcangco; Joey Boy Crisostomo Jr. vs Vince Torres; K.J. "Man Down" Villagomez vs Juan "Hot Pocket" Lizama; L.D. Ogo vs Torsten Rosser; Sang Hyun Park vs Mark "The Dark" Nuique; and Ray "The Major" Duenas vs either Jones Langu or Phil David.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Frank "The Crank" Camacho spars with a trainer in preparation for his bout against Xtreme Combat Korea's Gun Han Park in tonight's Rites of Passage 21: Throwdown.

Cavs remain humble with chance to closeout Celtics in Game 5

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Carol to play in Fed Cup Asia/Oceania

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CNMI junior player Carol Lee got a spot on the Pacific Oceania Team that will compete in the 2017 Fed Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group II in July in Tajikistan.

Lee is the first Commonwealth player to be selected on the elite squad and earned a slot on the team after her impressive games in the Juniors ITF Circuit this year. The other current members of the Pacific Oceania Fed Cup Team are Samoa's Steffi Carruthers, Palau's Ayana Rengiil, Papua New Guinea's Abigail Tere-Apisah, and New Caledonia's Mayka Zima. The squad is captained by Tahiti's Patrice Cotti.

The 15-year-old player's inclusion to the select group came less than a week after she won her first Juniors ITF Circuit. Lee partnered with Skyler Marie Grace Grishuk of the U.S in taking the doubles finals of the RUC Tennis Junior Open in Morocco last weekend.

With the title win, she gained 40 Juniors ITF ranking points and climbed up from No. 330 to No. 318 in the world. She has

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Carol Lee, seen here playing in a Juniors ITF event on Saipan last year, will be playing for the Pacific Oceania in the 2017 Fed Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group II that will be held in July in Tajikistan.

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The Falcons exchange high-fives after beating Go See Mark in Game 1 of their semis series, 4-3, in the 2017 Saipan Baseball League last Monday at the at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. The Falcons went on to sweep GSM after a 6-5 triumph in Game 2.

Falcons oust GSM, take finals seat

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The Falcons eliminated pennant champion Go See Mark by pulling off another shocker, 6-5, in Game 2 of their best-of-three semis series in the 2017 Saipan Baseball League last Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

GSM, which swept the 14-game elimination round only to be booted out in the playoffs, gambled on a big defensive play and lost as second baseman Diego Camacho had an errant throw that allowed the Falcons' Frankie Lieto to score the go-ahead run at the bottom of the eighth inning.

Lieto led off for the Falcons in the penultimate inning that started with the score tied, 5-all, and singled before mak-

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Battle of Top 4 seeds in doubles

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Robbie Schorr and Moris Villanueva had tough luck in the ongoing 2017 Northern Marianas Juniors Championships as the latter had to withdraw from their doubles quarterfinal game against their seeded opponents.

Villanueva complained of a back injury yesterday morning and was not cleared by his doctors to play in the afternoon match, forcing him and Schorr to hand the win (walkover) to second-ranked Manuel Balce III and Michael Francis Eala of the Philippines.

The Filipino duo got a free ride to the semifinals where they will face No. 4 Shunsuke Mitsui and Kenjiro Shimizu, as the Japanese pair swept India's Kaushik Hari-

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The Philippines' Manuel Balce III returns a shot to his and Michael Francis Eala's doubles foes during the second round of the 2017 Northern Marianas Juniors Championships last Wednesday at the Pacific Islands Club courts.